



# The Westfield Voice

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Issue I

## Tobacco-free policy implemented on WSU campus

**Rob Donoghue  
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Voice Editors

On September 1, the new university policy concerning tobacco use at Westfield State went into effect. The new protocol bans the use of any and all tobacco products on campus.

This includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, hookah tobacco, pipe tobacco and any other products that may fall into that particular category. In the past, the rule was that smokers had to stand 50 feet away from all buildings.

When a review of those guidelines was completed at the Board of Trustees meeting in June, Westfield State President Evan Dobelle made the final decision to turn Westfield into a tobacco-free campus.

Dobelle made previous changes to the tobacco policy when he recommended three years ago that the distance that a person would have to stand from a building to smoke be extended to 50 feet from 25 feet.

Westfield State's Substance Advisory Committee (SAC) also made recommendations, along with input from students and faculty supporting Dobelle's proposal. This change was made as an effort to

keep secondhand smoke away from campus windows and doorways. The original decision granting Dobelle with the authority to make the campus tobacco-free was approved on December 10, 2009.

At that time, the Board of Trustees authorized Dobelle to assess the impact of that plan so that a review of it could be conducted. That review would then be used to decide whether or not to implement a ban on tobacco products.

The SAC recommended at the time of the vote that the campus go tobacco-free starting September 1, 2011, but Dobelle wanted more time to analyze how his proposal was working before making the decision.

It was determined by University officials that the 50-foot rule did not live up to its expectations so the issue was put on the agenda for the Board of Trustees meeting on June 14th.

The new tobacco policy in the WSU Student Life Handbook states that "Smoking and/or the use of tobacco products will not be permitted on any University property or University leased property including buildings, grounds, walkways, parking lot, wooded areas and all other property owned or operated by the University."

It also states that "All campus constituents have a



*Photo by tobaccocampaign.com*

Similar signs can be seen around Westfield State's campus.

collective responsibility to promote the safety and health of the campus community and, therefore, share in the responsibility of policy compliance.

Individuals observed smoking and/or using tobacco, in any form are to be reminded, in a professional and courteous manner, of the University policy.

"Students in violation of this policy shall be referred to the University student conduct system for disciplinary proceedings for repeated offenses. Employees in repeat violation of this policy will be referred to Human Resources."

Carlton Pickron, Vice

President of Student Affairs, said that the tobacco-free policy at Westfield would be implemented with "soft enforcement."

A junior who chose to remain anonymous said he is against the complete ban and suggested that the university should instead designate a few areas on campus where smoking would be allowed.

The student said this idea would be fairer for both smokers and non-smokers.

However, an anonymous sophomore felt that the tobacco-free policy is good because she felt the previous policy was not followed as intended.

She said, "When I was a freshman, the smell of the cigarettes went up to my room on the fourth floor and I would get migraines from it."

"The American Cancer Society reports that 28 people in Massachusetts die everyday due to tobacco related illness," Patricia Berube, Director of Westfield State Health Services, said.

"A tobacco-free campus would be healthier for everyone and positively impact the environment."

There has been no word yet whether "soft enforcement" includes warnings or citations from Westfield State University Public Safety, but students caught smoking on campus will be in violation of this new policy.

In an email sent by Pickron at the beginning of the semester, he reminded students of the policy. He also mentioned that students who to decide to smoke can walk to Western Avenue and smoke on the sidewalk. Students with any questions concerning the new policy can direct them to the Office of Student Affairs in Ely.

*What do you think of the new tobacco-free policy? Send a Letter to the Editor to the-voice@westfield.ma.edu.*

### Useful Phone Numbers:

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# Quick Hits

## Friday

11:00p.m.

Brown Bag Bingo  
Ely Main Lounge

## Saturday

12:00p.m.

Men's Soccer vs.  
Fitchburg State  
Alumni Field

8:00p.m.

MOVIE: Jurassic  
Park  
Ely Main Lounge

## Sunday

8:00p.m.

Board Games  
Ely Main Lounge

## Twitter account @WestfieldProbs a big hit on campus

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

In the fall of 2011, a Twitter page was created that would change the way Westfield State students tweeted about the things they saw or did around campus. The obsession with this page became a serious problem...a Westfield problem that is.

The student behind @WestfieldProbs, the Twitter account that has everyone on campus talking, keeps their identity a secret. They could be a male. They could be a female. They could be a senior or a sophomore.

"Everyone talks about what happens at school. So why not create an account where everyone can complain or rant about it," said the mysterious tweeter behind the account.

"The goal is to have a fun way to relate to other students [as they] complain about what happens at this school."

The popularity of this page arose through word of mouth. Almost everyone on Westfield's campus has a friend who told a friend about this account.

The Twitter user follows as many Westfield students as possible and retweets anything funny that they have to say about the school.

"I wanted to make sure I retweeted things that were true so that students can relate to it," they said.

Students tweet about anything from the annoyance of the construction going on around campus, to their dislike of the food in the DC, awkward run-ins with other students on campus, and the black squirrels.

"There isn't a certain per-

son that gets the most retweets from us. Everyone tweets to us," they said.

In a world today where technology and the Internet have such a great impact on people's lives, it is no surprise that this Twitter account is a big success.

It's a modern day rumor mill, a parody site, and a chance for the Westfield community to unite, even if it is to poke fun at the daily happenings around the school.

For the chance to get retweeted, all you have to do is tweet a complaint about a Westfield related topic and use the hashtag "#westfieldproblems".

It will automatically get sent to @WestfieldProbs but it doesn't hurt to mention their twitter handle in the tweet. The account gets so many tweets a day, so there is a possibility that your tweet will not get tweeted.

Is this Twitter account handled by just one person or is there a Team Westfield Problems running around observing the most ridiculous things that happen on campus?

One thing is for sure; this person has no intention of revealing that any time soon.

"It could be could one of us or five of us running this site," the person said. "I can't give you an answer to that. It's better off anonymous."

So what does the future hold for @WestfieldProbs once the account holder or holders graduate? Will they finally reveal who they are or will they pass the secret down to an underclassman to carry the tradition?

To this they said, "Everyone will just have to wait and see."

Now that's a #westfield-problem.

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be printed with your name).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



# CLEAR Program implimented

**Samantha Fahey  
& Alex Myers**  
Editors-in-Chief

Residential Life at Westfield State saw a 40 percent decrease in residence hall damages across campus last year.

The decrease was due largely in part to the Community Response Plan and with such positive results, the department has decided to expand on it this year with the CLEAR Program.

Joshua Hettrick, Westfield's Assistant Director for Housing, said the 40 percent decrease was a huge accomplishment and Res Life hopes to continue building on that success.

"This year we are already down in charges by 44 percent from this time last year," Hettrick said. "Pardon the pun, but it is CLEAR that students are enjoying their living space and respecting it in a very positive way."

Connected, Living, Engaged, Aware and Respectful make up the body of the CLEAR Program. While the acronym speaks for itself, Res Life has made the level threshold more easily understood.

Last year's attempt to reduce damages in the residence halls consisted of a ladder-type

system where each hall would move one rung higher after a considerable amount of money was owed due to vandalism or the like.

In simpler terms, if there are 400 students in a residence hall, and the charges reached \$400, the hall would be at a Response Level of one with each resident owing \$1.00. If the charges were to reach \$800, the hall would enter Level Two and each resident would now owe \$2.00.

This system continued until the residence hall reached the maximum level of five.

Consequences for each hall grew in number as the Response Level increased. These penalties haven't changed during the transition from the Community Response Plan to the CLEAR Program.

According to a document from Res Life, at Response Level One, the Resident Director will send out an e-mail notice to students regarding damages in the hall.

The same email will be sent out when a residence hall reaches any level, but with Level Two it will include updates about 24-hour quiet hours and section meetings to be held by Resident Assistants about reducing the damages.

The difference between

Level Two and Level Three is instead of section meetings, the RD will hold an all-hall meeting.

If residence halls reach level four, a no outside guest policy will be implemented for a designated period of time.

The fifth and highest level will subject students to not only the listed penalties, but an all-hall meeting with the Vice President of Student Affairs along with a one-on-one meeting for residents wishing to discuss the current situation with their RD.

While the consequences have not changed, the threshold cost has increased significantly.

Where the maximum potential cost of damages last year was \$5.00, the CLEAR Program has increased that Level Five amount to \$7.50 making the threshold per level \$1.50 instead of \$1.00 a person.

The goal, Hettrick said, is not only to reduce the cost of damages, but to improve the community in which students live during their semesters on campus.

"We hope that as students enjoy the halls this year, they appreciate having a clean and comfortable space to live in," Hettrick said. "That is and will continue to be Residential Life's focus with the CLEAR Community Program."

# Students ease back in to school

**JR Nieb**  
Voice Reporter

Jimmy Pereira, a senior Geography and Regional Planning major at Westfield State University, said he was going to be responsible, self-diligent and self-disciplined in order for him to go to class and do schoolwork again after over three months of summer vacation.

Cortney Marcinczyk, a junior at Westfield State University, said she is not very excited to be going to class and doing schoolwork again. She said she was going to make some adjustments in order to do that.

Angelo Burgos, a sophomore Criminal Justice major, said he was not sure about how he was going to get adjusted to going to class and doing schoolwork again. Burgos said that he is going to figure out how he

will get back into the swing of things as the school year progresses.

Burgos said he spent his summer vacation by hanging out with his friends, going to the beach and working a lot.

"I worked here at school for the Urban Education Program. I was a peer counselor," he said.

Everyone will have to work very hard to get back into the swing of things on campus.

# Coffey Break with Laura Campbell

by Kylie Coffey



Major: Criminal Justice  
Hometown: Hanover, MA

## 1. What was the peak and pit of your summer?

The peak was when I went to Florida with six of my best girlfriends. We got a house in Orlando for a week. My pit was that I had to waitress at Chilli's every weekend night.

## 2. What are you most known for around campus?

Being a Shot Girl at Tommy D's.

## 3. What is the one song that pumps you up on a weekend?

Anything by Nicki Minaj.

## 4. What can you be found doing in between classes?

I'd have to say eating or sleeping.

## 5. If you were a cocktail, what kind of cocktail would you be and why?

Redbull & Vodka because I always keep people awake and on their feet.

## 6. What is the first thing you do when you wake up?

Shower or go back to bed.

## 7. Do you have any tattoos? If so, how many and what is your favorite?

I have four. My favorite is my butterflies going up my ribs because it reminds me of my friends and family.

## 8. As a senior, what is some advice you can give to first year students?

Don't eat the meat in the DC.

*If you would like to be the Voice's cup o' joe for the week - or know someone who deserves a break - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

# Competency and Conservatism: As election nears, candidates battle

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation and is adjusted to the new academic year.

Since we last met, the Presidential scene has turned towards the general election in November.

President Barack Obama and the newly minted GOP nominee Mitt Romney are ready for battle.

While each of the candidates hold an advantage in some regards, this election should prove to be a close one.

Mitt Romney has spent the summer months blasting the President over his failed attempts to revive the economy.

These attacks include phrases such as "He just doesn't get it" or "President Obama doesn't understand the entrepreneurship of the American people."

An observer of this election would assume Mr. Romney's attacks to be lethal.

However it's quite the contrary, President Obama still holds a slight lead in most polls.

President Obama does not run from a fight, he has blistered candidate Romney on many of occasions.

Mr. Obama has said Romney is "out of touch with reality."

The President is also fond of haranguing Romney for his career at Bain Capital.

After listening to these attacks on candidate Romney's background, it seems he would be disqualified from winning.

However the former Governor has plenty of life left and is still within the margin of error.

What do these candi-

dates and their attack lines have in common? Everything.

The President and Mr. Romney are running uninspiring campaigns claiming that if successful they can fix all of our problems.

The attacks are personal, dishonest and they don't seem to have much of an impact on American voters.

It is my greatest hope this election turns around and that the next couple of months will be an exchange of ideas between the candidates.

I am an unenthusiastic supporter of Mitt Romney for President because I believe Romney could make a great President.

While I feel President Obama has not shown the American people why he ought to be reelected, I am by no means an ardent detractor of his policies.

This election should be about the future of American growth and prosperity.

What we need in a President is someone who leads by conviction.

We need an individual that knows the divisive nature of our politics, holds us back, and is willing to challenge the status quo.

President Obama has not lived up to the aspirations of his last campaign.

He gave every single American a glimpse at "hope" and it has slowly faded into the sound bites of an election.

The President's re-election bid lacks the intellectual gravitas of 2008 and has been replaced with politics as usual.

Mitt Romney has not filled the void, he has given little insight into what a Romney administration might look like.

At times Romney has

been able to garner the optimistic abilities of former President Reagan.

The campaign did an "Every Town Counts" bus tour over the summer, where Mr. Romney talked about the future of America.

At that point I felt he had found his natural voice and realized the power of positivity. But that would not last.

The campaign has yet to do a similar event.

Instead, they put Romney on a stage somewhere and he lashes at the President with the same stump speech as the day before.

The candidates have not lived up to their responsibilities.

They walk on egg-shells and practice politics of fear mongering.

Whatever happened to the Mitt Romney who showed up to the 2008 Republican Primary debates with policy papers and economic data?

He used to have actual plans and famously faulted Senator John McCain for his lack thereof.

President Obama talks little about hope or change anymore and leaves one to question if it even exists.

His reasoning for reelection is basically, it could have been worse, so stick with me.

I think both men at one point in time stood for something great.

They were unafraid to offer up a plan or to make their voice heard.

Now, they cautiously dodge the tough decisions.

While it puzzles the likes of political junkies, we can only hope for a new campaign to emerge over the next six weeks.

## Editor's Desk



Welcome back!!

I know we've been saying that well have an online edition for a long time now, but we finally made the right connections, and create what we think is a huge step for this campus. We've been working toward this goal for almost two years! [www.westfieldvoice.com](http://www.westfieldvoice.com).

On that note, I cannot believe that this is our last year doing the newspaper. It is going to be so hard to say goodbye to something that we have put so much time and effort into making better each and every week.

And now it's Alex! I have something I'd like to say, but for space purposes I'll just say hello, I'm glad to be back, and thanks so much for reading! You'll get the rest next week (which may be a tad irrelevant, but oh well)! :)

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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



Oh Westfield, how I've missed you. It's September again and you know what that means: the masses of students and professors who have been salivating all summer just waiting to read my column don't have to wait any longer.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Rob Donoghue and I'm a senior (where did the last three years go?) at Westfield. I have a double-major in Communication and Political Science and my goal is to read law school next fall.

I was formerly the Sports Editor of *The Voice* and filled in for Alex Myers last semester as Co-Editor-in-Chief, but now I'm back to my regular position as Managing Editor. I've been writing for *The Westfield Voice* since I was a freshman and have seen the newspaper grow and expand over the past three years.

Speaking of growth, after almost two years of hard work we will finally be launching our online edition of *The Westfield Voice* beginning next week.

When you have a free minute, you should probably check it out and see what the site is all about at [www.westfieldvoice.com](http://www.westfieldvoice.com).

Anyway, what you currently have the good fortune of reading is *The Donoghue Report: Ramblings from a Noninterventionist*. I consider myself to be politically moderate and I have no problem praising or mocking politicians on either side of the aisle.

I usually use this chuck of space to discuss the important issues facing our nation and world. Sometimes the tone of this column is completely sarcastic and on other occasions it's actually pretty serious. Granted,

sometimes I'll rant about Rick Santorum or Joe Biden, so not every column covers an earth shattering topic. But for the most part, I try to write about impactful issues that I hope my readers will find interesting.

Speaking of my readers, I've been considering writing my column this year for a particular audience... or inanimate object. For example, I might write my column as if I was reading it aloud to an empty chair.

I'll tell the chair my problems, I'll yell at the chair for its failed policies... wait, who am I kidding? Saturday Night Live basically owns the rights to mock Clint Eastwood for the next year. The ship's already sailed on that one.

But one thought I've been seriously contemplating is renaming my column "The Other 47%." Since Mitt Romney apparently doesn't want to deal with almost half of all Americans, there should be plenty of room for me to jump in and address these 47% of Americans.

According to Mitt, these 47% must need someone to talk to them about the income taxes they aren't paying.

Does Mitt Romney really believe that 47% of Americans (not that this is true for everyone in this generalized 47% group) want to struggle to make ends meet? Does he think that 47% of people want to be "dependent on the government" and have to worry about putting food on the table for their children?

Does Romney actually believe that 47% of Americans consider themselves to be victims and think that the government should provide them with everything they need? Or that everyone who is on food stamps enjoys "taking money from the

government" in order to eat? I know people who are on food stamps, and if they had a better job and the ability to afford groceries for their family without government assistance they would gladly trade in their EBT Card in a heartbeat.

But more importantly, does Romney realize that not all of these supposed victims lumped into this 47% group are actually poor or dependent on government programs at all? Does he realize that many of these 47% favored him over Obama in the election and thought that he might have the answers to jumpstart the economy and make it so they do have enough income to pay income taxes? Better yet, what universe does Mitt live in?

If Governor Romney doesn't want anything to do with 47% of the country (well first off, good luck winning the election) then there should be ample space for someone like myself to speak directly to their concerns.

As for the other 53% of you, you can go find another column to read... just kidding, I would like as many readers as possible to keep reading *The Donoghue Report*. Unlike Mitt Romney, I'd rather not alienate half of my potential audience.

Many of the words that come out of Mitt Romney's mouth absolutely puzzle me. Sometimes it seems like the Democrats have planted Romney as the Republican candidate so that he can self-destruct during the campaign and allow President Obama to win a second term with ease.

If that's not the case, then Romney is certainly doing his best to give people as many reasons as possible to not want to vote for him as President of the

United States.

I don't think Mitt Romney's a bad guy and I do think he's very intelligent. I believe he's a moderate Republican who lacks an ideological backbone and has changed his views so many times to try to appeal to people across the political spectrum (well, at least 53% of people across the political spectrum, he's not worried about the votes of 47% of Americans) that he doesn't even know what he truly believes anymore.

Seriously, if Mitt Romney was subjected to a lie detector test I honestly don't think he'd know how to truthfully answer questions about his ideological beliefs. A lot of conservatives have been attacking the Romney campaign lately and these latest developments are only going to magnify the criticism of his sputtering political hopes.

Romney is his own worst political enemy, and he needs to stop taking speaking lessons from Joe Biden - in fact, the only lesson Romney should be taking from Vice President Biden is how to be a likeable and relatable candidate to the average American voter.

If there's one thing the man who has known three presidents "intimately" knows how to do, it's getting the everyday American to support him despite his ignorant comments and Thomas Menino-esque verbal gaffes.

Because, as Biden would say, this is a big f-ing deal for Romney and his presidential hopes. Whether or not Romney's comments during that private fundraiser in May came out the way he intended (I don't know if he had any idea what he was really saying - does he ever?), the video of his statements has now gone viral and

nearly half of all Americans are probably wondering why they should vote for a candidate who seems completely disinterested in their concerns.

Romney might have lost the election with this video being released. Am I, like many in the media, blowing his comments out of proportion? Possibly. Has President Obama said something during a private fundraiser that would offend many Americans? I'm sure he has. But perception is all that matters during a campaign and a great deal of Americans are going to be fuming following the release of these comments.

Republicans such as Scott Brown who are fighting for their own political lives are distancing themselves from Romney and his comments as quickly as possible. It's going to take a tremendous, and very un-Romney-like, effort from Romney during the debates against Obama to put these remarks behind him.

When the latest polls are released over the next week, it will be interesting to see the effect that this incident has on the numbers in key states such as Ohio, Florida and Virginia. Romney's come back from near political death many times before, but completely casting aside 47% of Americans might be too difficult for anyone to overcome in a presidential race as tight as this one.

If only Romney's grandparents were Mexican... oh how different things would be.

Well now that I've gotten this rant out of the way, I'm going to propose a new challenge for next week: this entire column will be devoted to discussing foreign affairs and neither Obama nor Romney will be mentioned once. Challenge accepted.

# REFLECTIONS

## By Matthew Futterleib

### Bill Murray – Born Sept 21, 1950



Widely considered one of the greatest practitioners of modern comedy, actor and comedian Bill Murray was born in Wilmette, Illinois. Beginning his career in the Second City comedy troupe, Murray acted alongside other upstart comedians like John Belushi and John Candy. His work in the comedy tour led to his first big break on Saturday Night Live, joining the cast for the second season to replace Chevy Chase. Gaining popular-

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ity for his witty banter and sarcasm, Murray was cast to star in his first feature film, *Meatballs*, in 1979. In the early '80s, Murray was cast in such box-office hits as *Caddyshack*, *Tootsie* and, the highest-grossing comedy of the '80s, *Ghostbusters*. After a brief hiatus following his failed first attempt at dramatic acting in 1984's *The Razor's Edge*, Murray returned to the silver screen in such films as 1988's *Scrooged* and 1993's *Groundhog Day*, each being immensely popular and critically acclaimed upon release. Murray's career again took a dramatic route in the late '90s, and peaked with his performance in 2003's *Lost in Translation*, for which he was nominated Best Actor by the Academy Awards.

### Segregation Enforced – Sept 24, 1957

In the Fall of 1957, Governor Orval Faubus sent the Arkansas National Guard to Central High School in Little Rock, where segregation in schools was recently abolished after the Supreme Court ruling of *Brown v. Board of Education* declared the law be lifted "with all deliberate speed." Defying this decision, Faubus ordered his troops to block African American students attending the formerly all-white school from entering the building. President Dwight D. Eisenhower acted to stop the Governor's actions, and convinced him to allow the students safe access and remove the

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troops. Governor Faubus obliged, yet riots took place in the school days later when the 11 African American students enrolled in classes. Despite the violence, the National Guard was not sent to curb the riots. The Mayor of Little Rock reached out to the President to take action before matters became deadly. In a historic display of executive power, President Eisenhower placed the Arkansas National Guard under federal command and sent 1,000 U.S. Army paratroopers to escort each student to class, which stopped all further violence and resulted in a huge victory for the Civil Rights Movement.

### Irving Berlin – Died Sept 22, 1989



Often cited as the greatest songwriter in American history, Irving Berlin's life began in war-torn Belarus in 1888. His songwriting career began in his twenties on Tin Pan Alley, a famous section of the city known for housing and producing legions of musical publishers and songwriters. His music hit Broadway in 1911, when he performed his song "Alexander's Ragtime Band" to massive fanfare. He was considered the most popular songwriter in America at the time, and the Army drafted Berlin in 1917 after its entrance into World War I to write songs of patriotism. Returning to New York City after the war, Berlin went on to write the song "Blue Skies" for the first widely-distributed "talkie." The Jazz Singer in 1927, as

well as other enormously famous songs like "Puttin' on the Ritz" and "God Bless America," the latter of which is undoubtedly his most well-known and recorded work. Starting in the late '20s, Berlin began writing film scores for such films as *Easter Parade* and *White Christmas*. He died of natural causes in 1989, leaving behind a legacy of a slew of number one hits and an enormous catalog of written music, showcasing his immense talent.

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## Advancement & University Relations Sample – Internships Available

- *Student Assistant - Marketing/Social Networking/Administration*  
*Westfield Barnes Regional Airport*

**Description:** Student assistant position working directly with the airport manager to assist with administration, marketing efforts, social networking and website maintenance.

**Organization:** Westfield Barnes Regional Airport ([www.barnesairport.com](http://www.barnesairport.com)) - Through - Advancement & University Relations, K. Magarian, [kmagarian@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:kmagarian@westfield.ma.edu).

- *Student Assistant - Marketing/Publicity/Communication*  
*Westfield Business Improvement District*

**Description:** Program (student) assistant position to assist with administration and supervision including marketing/publicity as well as communications.

**Organization:** Westfield Business Improvement District - Through Advancement & University Relations/K. Magarian, [kmagarian@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:kmagarian@westfield.ma.edu).

**See other internships at Career Services and Office of Special Programs/Community Service**



## Sigma Tau Delta Meeting



**When:** Wednesday, September 26 at 6pm  
**Where:** Bates 111

**For all members—**  
**Planning for the year!**

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## A&E Quick Info

### Top 10 Singles

1. Taylor Swift - Never, Ever, Ever Getting Back Together
2. Maroon 5 - One More Night
3. Flo Rida - Whistle
4. fun. - Some Nights
5. Ellie Goulding - Lights
6. Pink - Blow Me (One Last Kiss)
7. Justin Bieber - As Long As You Love Me
8. Neon Trees - Every-body Talks
9. Owl City & Carly Rae Jepsen - Good Time
10. Alex Clare - Too Close

### Top Movies

1. Resident Evil
2. Finding Nemo 3D
3. The Possession
4. Lawless
5. The Expendables 2

### Upcoming DVD Releases

1. The Avengers
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## Album Review: "The Upsides" by the Wonder Years

**Luke Oleksak**  
Voice Reporter

The album I chose to review this week is one that is special to my heart. The name of the album is *The Upsides*. It is written by a South Philadelphia pop-punk band called the Wonder Years.

This album is appropriately named *The Upsides* because the themes deal with the uncertainties of life and overcoming adversity.

The Wonder Years wrote this entire album in their basement, one that was unheated in the winter and a sauna in the summer. The band had little income and nothing to lose.

This kind of "up against the wall" mentality reflects in the lyricism of the lead singer, Dan "Soupy" Campbell.

The opening track, "My Last Semester", is all about not fitting into the place you currently reside. "I'm not sad anymore, I'm just tired of this place", Campbell sings as the song starts to wind down.

The tracks go on to speak of other hardships and personal

stories of the singer and other members of the band.

The cd seems to take on an autobiographical feel as Campbell tells us the happenings of his life. The small details are the ones that make you smile such as in "Hostels and Brothels".

Campbell sings, "Last night in Leeds, Ad and I found ourselves wandering the city, looking for pizza". Lyrics such as these made me connect to the artist because those are experiences we also cherish with our friends.

Musically, this album is well constructed and produced. The singer's voice is well heard through-out and none of the instruments get drowned out.

You can even hear the bass guitar in most songs, which is a luxury for most bands today. This little detail shows the importance of every member of the band.

The songs range from quick-paced to punk ballads. The album seems connected in all parts and is a joy to listen all the way through.

The stand-out track is "Washington Square Park",



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A quote from a song off the album "The Upsides."

which opens up with an infectious guitar riff that makes you want to jump out of your seat and dance. The emotion here is plentiful and the band really gets their message across.

Overall, *The Upsides* is a good introduction to a solid band with mature lyricism and unlimited potential.

I would recommend this to anyone looking for a fresh band to dive into.

Everything about this cd

grows on the listener, and it is well worth a few listens! If you're not into buying albums, I would recommend songs such as "Washington Square Park" and "I Was Scared, I'm Sorry" for download.

These songs will give you a good taste of what the band is all about! Go check *The Upsides* out, you won't be disappointed.

Final Rating: 4 out of 5 stars.

## Literary journals: Giving you a variety of new ideas in one package

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

So what did you read this summer? I'm going under the assumption that you did in fact read something that resembled a book, and if you didn't I'm really not certain why you are reading this piece at all.

Moving on from standard pleasantries (which your responses I will not be able to hear or answer to anyway), I can report that I spent a good deal of my summer immersed in collections of short stories, poetry, and literary journals chosen at random.

Now why would I do that? Well, personally, I did so because the materials were at a yard sale across my street for a very low price.

However, the reason you should is that you get to expose yourself to a variety of authors and poets and artists you've most likely never seen before. You might get to see a variety of new ideas all put together in one package.

Personally, I recommend getting a small set or variety of old issues and then seeing which ones you like the most before subscribing to anything if you would want to.

You may also want to write down which pieces you

like the most and look for the authors online or later.

Also, there are a variety of journals online with a good sampling of new authors, but I'm not sure how well you'll be able to actually read them, as about halfway into your nice cozy reading your mom will probably message you about how the cat coughed up a fur ball that looked like a piece of toast (or something like that). That's been my experience anyway.

Chances are you won't particularly care for a great deal of the stuff you find in any small set of journals you pick up, but that's part of the point.

You can forget about

those; I don't remember even half the articles I read in them. The point is in the joy of digging and finding something that is wonderful and rare and something you love.

It should be mentioned that we have a literary journal on campus, our very own *Persona*.

There you will be able to find a great deal of interesting and creative material written by your fellow Westfield students.

Now, you have to ask "is it worth it to go through so many mediocre and clichéd stories just to find someone new and original that you've never seen before?"

Absolutely.

# Indie bands Grizzly Bear and Animal Collective “unlike anything else today”

**Matt Futterleib**  
Voice Reporter

When a pair of Indie music's powerhouses decide to debut new albums within a week of each other, the underground music community is bound to be abuzz.

The veteran band, Baltimore's Animal Collective, has been active since the late '90s, evolving from a fledgling experimental act featuring a spellbinding repertoire with playful, variable song structure and a stress on spontaneity (check out 2005's *Feels*) to recently being lauded as pioneers of electronic Indie music.

Grizzly Bear hails from Brooklyn, like so many of Indie rock's standout bands in recent past.

What sets their sound apart from the others is their commitment to harmony, consistent with the style of the Beach Boys on *Pet Sounds*, presented with a dark twist of haunting vocals and earthy instrumentation.

Each band has established themselves as major ticket acts in the Indie community.

However, one can no longer easily categorize these bands by their cult status when considering their previous works prior to the release of their new albums this year.

Animal Collective released *Merriwether Post Pavilion* in early 2009 to extremely positive reviews and the strongest fanfare in the band's decade-long history.

While their members have returned to a reclusive nature and a focus on solo projects since their new-found popularity, Grizzly Bear have been actively building their brand of melodic mysticism since the release of 2009's *Veckatimest*, contributing songs from the album to comprise the

majority of the soundtrack to the Indie film *Blue Valentine*, starring Ryan Gosling, and offering their biggest song to date, “Two Weeks,” to complement advertisements for Volkswagen and the television show *Gossip Girl*.

After what seemed like a strenuous three years until releasing new records to oblige their eager fans, Animal Collective and Grizzly Bear have succeeded in delivering extremely listenable albums that retain each act's mission statements with 2012's *Centipede Hz* and *Shields*, respectively.

While each record features unique and exciting new sounds, one must not mistake that both bands had similar ideologies when returning to the recording studio, which is clear once each album is fully digested in the listener's conscious being.

*Centipede Hz* opens with a faint sound collage of voices as whimsical as the album's name, until the opening meter of “Moonjock” is introduced by drummer Panda Bear's fat drum beat with prevalent bass stomps and snare cracks.

Singer/guitarist Avey Tare's trademarked intense rhythmic vocal delivery is prevalent from the get-go, which builds in energy alongside a canvas of swirling, harmonious electronic sounds and culminates into a blissed-out wave of melodic splendor reassuring fans that, indeed, Animal Collective is back.

Another gem lies in the following track, the psychedelic “Today's Supernatural,” a workout for Avey's ram-bunctious vocal style where he shouts “C'mon, let it go/ride a see-saw” in the song's opening verse; but for one to ride a see-saw at the pace of the song would likely induce vomiting.

The song closes soaked in tripped-out melodic bliss ignited as the band speeds to an explosive finish and Avey's

screams rise above the chaos of electronic pops and churns.

“New Town Burnout” mellows out the album in its middle stages, the featured beat steaming along as Panda Bear's ethereal vocals are featured heavily, reminiscent of the sound on each of his fantastic solo albums.

“Pulleys” ebbs and flows in an ocean of rhythmic snare clicks and electronic mysticism, and “Amanita” closes the album in exotic yet familiar resplendence.

While *Centipede Hz* is certainly a return to form for the Indie rock icons, it abandons the accessibility of *Merriwether*.

This thought is noticeable when comparing the immediacy of the melody in each album's highlights.

One must listen with more patience and intent to capture the hidden beauty in each track, which can be frustrating for listeners new to Animal Collective's experimental tendencies.

This trait is extremely rewarding for avid fans of the band, providing hours of replay value and working as a sort of token for remaining loyal to a band that was not always so easy to consume.

Shields continues to cement Grizzly Bear's status as the seminal Indie rock band of today, featuring a sweeping array of sprawling, tethering mood capsules accented with impressive musicianship.

“Yet Again,” the first single, does not feature the immediate mind-sticking melody like “Two Weeks” has, but it accomplishes the same feat of capturing the sound of a band at its creative peak.

Each member of the quartet is playing at his highest level: Ed Droste's warm falsetto draws in the listener, while Christopher Bear's selective drum hits complement Daniel Rossen's brazen guitar lines and Chris Taylor's harmonious bass



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Indie rock band Grizzly Bear.



*Photo by lasvegascritics.com*

Baltimore band Animal Collective.

style to perfection.

When the chorus hits, each member's unique vocal harmonies can be heard in a moment of elaborate beauty that is rarely heard in music today, harkening back to The Beatles' ability to create such euphoria.

“Speak in Rounds” and “What's Wrong” willow and wisp with haunting violins and cellos accompanying the band before billowing into smoky plumes of organ, jazzy drum splashes and evocative vocal and bass harmonies.

“A Simple Answer” and “Gun-Shy” are upbeat and catchy yet still maintain a sense of dense creativity.

The album as a whole is very similar to its predecessor, *Veckatimest*, and seems to exist as a sister album of

sorts that could easily be combined for a stimulating listening experience in one sitting.

Both Animal Collective and Grizzly Bear have affirmed their reputations as two of the most ubiquitous artists in the landscape of music today with each of these albums.

Not only are these albums alike in sounding unlike anything else heard today, but they also share a commitment to creativity that few bands can rival in the history of modern popular music.

Their legacies will only continue to grow in the coming years, and I'm eager to see what the future holds. But for now, I'm content with savoring each of these recordings for all they're worth.



# Penalties and turnovers hurt Owls in late loss to Curry

**Tyler Morisette**  
Voice Reporter

After coming off a tough loss to rival Western New England, the Owls were hoping to get back on track against the Colonels of Curry College.

However, the Colonels had a different idea, defeating the Owls 34-27 on a late fourth quarter score as Curry's Kevin Fruwirth found receiver Skubie Mageza in the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown pass with 51 seconds remaining in the game.

Westfield (1-2) quarterback Tim Rich once again had a good performance for the Owls, putting up 257 yards through the air with two touchdown passes, one to tight end Jeff Winchell of 35 yards and one to Kevin Parnell for 15 yards in the third quarter. But the Owls were hurt by penalties throughout the game and turnovers from their special teams.

Westfield committed 11 penalties for a staggering 110 yards and had two fumbles in the game that resulted in Colonels (1-2) touchdowns. The first fumble occurred on a kickoff return in which Curry got the ball at the nine-yard line and scored on its first play as running back Phil Bigelow scored his second touchdown of the game, this time on the receiving end.

Bigelow had scored earlier on a 75-yard run in the first quarter. The Colonels outplayed the Owls in the first half and led 20-7 at halftime.

But the Owls came alive in the third quarter, outscoring Curry 20-0 thanks in large part to Michael Mercadante's two rushing scores. The Owls took the lead 27-20 at that point.

Mercadante finished the day with 73 yards on the ground and two scores.

But Westfield's second costly fumble occurred late in the fourth when a fumbled punt was recovered by Curry on the Owls 10-yard line. Two plays



*photo by Nancy Bals*

Westfield will look to get back on the winning track against Worcester State on Saturday.

later, Bigelow recorded his third touchdown of the day on a six-yard TD run to tie the game at 27 apiece. Bigelow finished the day with 145 yards on the ground and had six receptions for 31 yards.

On Westfield's next possession, Curry forced a three and out, and then went 80 yards on 17 plays for what would be

the game winning score.

On the Owls' final possession, Curry's Jeff Claffey intercepted the ball on third down with 16 seconds left in the game to secure the victory.

Curry outgained Westfield and had the ball longer than the Owls, as Westfield was unable to stop the proficient passing attack of Fruwirth, who threw

for 290 yards and three scores and was 30 for 47 passing on the day.

Westfield's defense was led by senior defensive back Erik Wellhoff, who had nine tackles in the game and recovered a fumble as well.

The Owls travel to Worcester State on Saturday to face off against the Lancers who have a 2-1 record and are coming off a bad 50-14 loss to Western New England last Saturday.

In that loss, Worcester fumbled the ball five times and threw three interceptions. In order for Westfield to win this game, they need to stop the passing attack of Worcester quarterback Corey Spencer, who has thrown for 656 yards so far this year and has six touchdown passes.

Offensively, Westfield needs to be able to find a good rhythm in which they can utilize their offensive skill players like Parnell and Mercadante effectively.

## Westfield State rugby looks to repeat success from a season ago

**Peter Francis**  
Voice Reporter

Fall is in the air and as such, Westfield State sports are back in action. However, along with women's soccer, there is another team that is coming into their fall season with a conference championship bulls-eye on their back.

That of course would be the Westfield State club rugby team.

While not officially affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Owls launched an assault on the New England Rugby Football Union tournament last spring, earning the school's first NER-

FU Division IV Championship.

"We're proud of the rugby team, as they've exhibited a lot of dedication on the field, and class off it," said Richard Lenfest, the Director of Athletics at Westfield State, "We're proud to have another champion here at Westfield."

Since forming in 2008, the Owls (formerly the Black Squirrels) have grown from a motley crew of weekend warriors to champions. After finishing the 2011 season with a perfect 5-0-0 record, Westfield blazed through the playoffs en route to a championship showdown against Nichols College of Dudley, who finished beneath WSU in the standings at 3-1-1.

The Owls' physicality, discipline and desire proved to

be too much as they stormed past the Bison in the finals to win their first NERFU title, which for departed seniors like Zach Graves and Brent Bell, was the perfect way to go out, having been the last remaining players from the original Black Squirrels squad from 2008.

This year's team is just as heady and resourceful as last year's, as the young guns have another year of experience under their belts.

"Two seasons ago, we (the younger players) realized what we had to do to win more tournament games," said junior Jake Tannian of Haverhill following a scrimmage with the Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts on Sunday.

"Fall came last year, we

kept winning, and we haven't looked back since."

However, the Owls are accepting a new challenge this fall in addition to their status as reigning champions.

"We're going to begin next season by moving up to Division III," senior wing John Hagerty said, meaning the Owls would be facing off against the likes of Salve Regina, Roger Williams, Bryant and Wheaton, just to name a few.

"But our goal is the same: to bring another trophy back to Westfield."

Second year coach Dan Lancourt is optimistic about this year's team, especially after last season's success.

"The boys have the skills, we're just continuing to expand

the playbook and tweak the basics a bit," he said.

"Our veteran leadership was a major strength last year and will continue to be this year," he added. "We had guys who had knowledge of the game and showed up to play when it counted."

With a strong returning core of young players, including the likes of Tannian, Danny Anderson, Connor Andry and Rob Schultz complimenting the veteran experience of seniors Hagerty, Leo Finnegan, Andrew Berg and John Angus, the Owls look to remain a force on Sundays this fall.

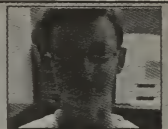
Westfield's next match at Alumni Field will be against Framingham State on Sunday, September 30 at 1 p.m.

# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



Over the past 14 months, the NFL has endured a lot of criticism.

From its handling of the new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) a year ago to player safety issues such as fines and the Saints bounty scandal, the league's image has taken a major blow.

Roger Goodell and his colleagues have their hands full yet again with disputes over a new CBA for the NFL Referees Association.

A billion dollar industry has a million dollar problem in differences with the regular NFL officials and refuses to

correct this issue.

The integrity of this once highly acclaimed league is now at stake with the "replacement referees" taking the field on Sundays.

There have already been multiple incidents where one of the substitute referees has used the wrong verbiage on a call, making it easy for spectators to ask, what if?

What if the professionals were back suiting up in zebra uniforms on Sundays instead of these unknowns? Would there be different outcomes to games?

Fans do not pay to see the

referees, but so far this season the despicable showing these so-called qualified stand-ins are putting forth is becoming a spectacle.

In a league where expectations are so high, a win or loss can be the difference between a coach or player's job.

Media members and fans alike are making this issue out to be a personnel problem on the field when it's the league that is to blame for sticking NCAA Division III replacements out into an inferno of disapproval.

Following Sunday's contest against Baltimore, star run-

ning back LeSean McCoy pointed out that a ref uttered to him that he needed him to perform better for his fantasy team.

"They're like fans," McCoy said regarding the replacement refs.

The former Pittsburgh Panther also noted that when future Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Lewis questioned a referee's call, the stand-in was stuttering at a loss for words, almost intimidated by Lewis.

Hours before the NFC South clash between the New Orleans Saints and Carolina Panthers, substitute referee Brian Stropolo was pulled from

his afternoon gig officiating the game after news emerged that he was a Saints fan and had a picture on his Facebook page wearing a Saints sweatshirt and hat.

A position that demands complete objectivity is now being filled by second rate officials who could dramatically impact the livelihood of a countless number of people.

The NFL must loosen their grip on a price and come to an agreement with the veteran referees, who although flawed at times, still perform at a high level in demanding circumstances.

## Opinion: The Highs and Lows of the Summer Olympics

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Welcome back. I hope that everyone had a great summer.

Yes, I know I am writing an article on an event that was completed over a month ago, but I thought this would be a good time to talk about some of the things that occurred during the 2012 London Olympics.

It cannot be questioned that the people of London put on a great show, as viewers all around the world witnessed some great athletic achievements (although most of it was on tape delay).

However, in my opinion, these Olympics will be remembered for three separate stories – one good, one bad and one ugly.

First, let us talk about the good. These Olympics were great for women not only in the United States, but also all over the world.

To put this into context,

the appearance of women from each of the 200-plus participating nations captures a change in sports.

Until the 1984 Los Angeles Games, women were not even allowed to run a marathon. In fact less, than 20 years ago at the 1996 Atlanta Games, 26 countries did not send women. So to see a country like Saudi Arabia send two women to compete in the games for the first time ever was a great accomplishment for women.

On the U.S. side, it was the first time ever that the U.S. Olympic team had more female athletes than male athletes.

A great statistic that came out of the games was that only two countries won as many gold medals as the 29 earned by the United States women.

Only two other countries matched the American women in gold medals. China as a country won 38, while Great Britain took home 29, tying the U.S. women.

The United States women won 58 medals in all, better than

all but three countries (China, Russia, and Great Britain). In addition, they topped the men both in gold medals won (29 to 17) and overall medals earned (58 to 45).

The bad storyline that came from these Olympics was without question the major scandal involving the greatest sport of all time, that sport being badminton.

Yes, the timeless sport of badminton was rocked by scandal, as four women's doubles teams, two from South Korea and one each from China and Indonesia, were disqualified for intentionally throwing their matches as a loss would've allowed them to play weaker opponents in the next round.

First, it is despicable that athletes, who have trained for countless years to get to the greatest sporting event in the world would intentionally lose. It is a slap in the face to every other competitor and a black eye for the sport.

Secondly, the way these women tried to lose was an

utter disgrace as they showed no effort in trying to win their matches and made plays that looked more like middle school gym students playing badminton than Olympic athletes.

Finally, we reach the ugly of these Olympics Games. In what can be looked at in no other words than ugly was the refusal of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to mention and have a moment of silence during the opening ceremonies to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 11 Israeli athletes and coaches who were murdered during the 1972 Munich Summer Games.

At a memorial service held on September 6, 1972 at the Munich Olympic Stadium, then- IOC President Avery Brundage famously said, "The games must go on."

Since 1972, IOC officials have continued to not recognize the athletes who were murdered in Munich due to the belief that the games are not a place for politics.

But victims of the 9/11 at-

tacks were justly honored during the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City

Following the tragic death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili during a practice run at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games, the IOC honored his memory during the opening ceremonies.

But nope, the IOC did not do anything to memorialize the fallen Israeli athletes at these games even though various influential leaders and governments were in support of it, such as Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, Bob Costas, the U.S. Senate, Germany, Canada and Australia.

It does not matter what nationality or country these athletes were from.

What mattered was that on the biggest stage there couldn't be a moment of silence on the 40th anniversary of the biggest tragedy in Olympic history. This was the ugliest thing that came out of these Olympic Games.



(Feb. 20 - March 20)

This week will be one of self-reflection for you. You might wish to reevaluate your life goals and methods, as well as where you get your guidance. Don't be afraid to make some changes to your life.

(September 23 – October 22)

(March 21 - April 20)

This will be a time to be spontaneous and risk-taking, as it seems the consequences you will face will be mitigated by the universe. Let loose and have some fun.

(October 23 – November 21)

(April 21 – May 21)

Love may find you this week, but it may be hostile to you at first. Be aggressive in your endeavors and you will likely come out on top.

(November 22 – December 21)

(May 22 – June 21)

This week pride can be both your strength and your weakness. Be especially wary of it and don't let it get the best of you.

(December 21 – January 20)

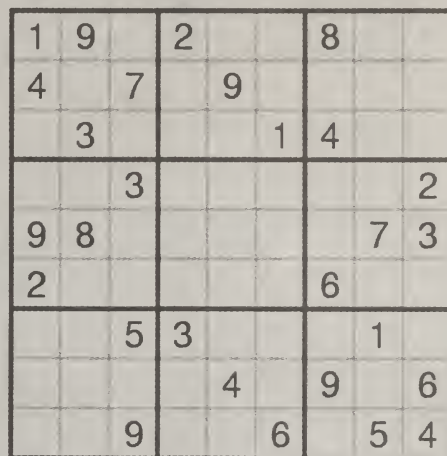
(June 22 – July 22)

You might want to focus this week on getting your life in order. Others will notice and opportunities of all sorts may make themselves apparent to you. Welcome them with open arms.

(January 21 – February 19)

(July 23 – August 23)

If you start digging in unexpected places, you may find new aspects of yourself you never knew you had. Embrace the new person you've found.



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# Autumn

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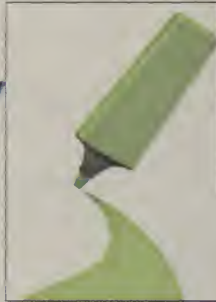
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# The Westfield Voice

## The Student Press of Westfield State University

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Issue II

## From flags to fires: Residential Life cracks down on fire safety

**Megan Bishop**  
Voice Reporter

Imagine a group of students waiting around outside New Hall for an hour and forty-five minutes for a fire alarm to finish, wondering what's taking so long. That's exactly what happened on Tuesday, September 18.

When the students were allowed back in the building, many went back to their rooms to find a little yellow slip of paper, telling them they needed to take down their flags, curtains, and tapestries. These were considered fire hazards and against the rules.

This was a problem for many students, especially the juniors and seniors who had been here for years and were never written up for their flags before.

Another question circulating around was: What about the First Amendment?

Senior Tanya Hogan said, "We have a right to express ourselves in our own living space. Our flags represent not only the country we live in or come from, but also who we are. It's something that is a part of us."

Many other students have shared the same opinion.

According to Josh Hettrick, the Assistant Director of Housing, Residential Life was unaware of how many flags were actually all over campus.

The issue was recently brought to central staff. They went over the handbook and saw that it was still a policy and decided they needed to enforce it.

Hettrick said the fire policies

have been in place since before he got to WSU, but that most of them were developed from fires that have occurred on college campuses in the past.

Senior Luke Dezago asked the question, "How much would a flag add

to a fire, considering the amount of posters people hang on their walls?"

Hettrick explained, "Paper burns much faster than fabric. When the paper is gone, it is likely to go out and not cause significant damage. Flags are fabric and

will allow a fire to jump from place to place, causing the fire to spread."

In reference to the amount of posters people hang, he said, "We encourage students to hang posters at least six inches apart and expect that they cover no more than one third of their wall."

The next big issue was the vendors who come to campus and sell flags. What was the point of having them if the flags couldn't be displayed?

Hettrick said, "People seem to forget that there are 2000 commuter students and grad students who are also buying the flags for their off campus spaces."

The vendors were brought in to target different people with different interests, not just residents.

As far as freedom of expression was concerned, Hettrick was very pleased to hear that students were concerned about that.

He understood that people want to express their interest in their country, but "find other ways to do that. It's important to be interested in politics and express your pride, but, for safety reasons, find a smaller scale to do it."

Attempts to reach out to students who were pro-policy failed because most students interviewed were against it.

So students will not be surprised by another new policy beginning October 9. Residential Life will be performing health and safety checks at least once during the semester.

Students will be warned before this happens and will have the opportunity to correct any policy violations they may have in their living space before the inspection occurs.



*Photo by Westfield State*

Because residents in the Apartment Complex recently had items stolen from their rooms, Residential Life stresses the importance of locking your doors. *Read the full story on page 2.*

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# Quick Hits

**Friday, Sept. 28**

8:00p.m.

Comedian Dan Hirsham  
*Ely Main Lounge*

**Saturday, Sept. 29**

9:00a.m.

Family Day  
*Woodward Center*

1:00p.m.

Football vs. Bridgestate  
*Alumni Field*

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Improv  
*Dever Stage*

**Sunday, Sept. 30**

7:30p.m.

Student Recital  
*Dever Stage*

8:00p.m.

Board Games  
*Ely Main Lounge*

## Students discover items were stolen from Seymour Hall

**Jeffrey Ohene-Darko**  
Voice Reporter

On Wednesday, September 12th, roommates in the Apartment Complex's Seymour Hall found themselves in hot waters when a thief or thieves broke in their apartment to steal some precious items.

Seniors Michelle Kooyomjian, Georgina Boakyewah, junior Lily Nevin, and a fourth roommate whose name has been withheld had a passport and money totaling fifty-eight dollars taken from

their rooms.

According to the students, the incident may have happened throughout Tuesday September 11th and Thursday September 13th. They did not realize that their items were gone until that Thursday.

"The thief could have been anyone, but [it was probably] a person closer to us," Kooyomjian said.

This incident has served as a lesson for the roommates to keep their doors locked at all times and their apartment organized, they said.

"With regards to this situation we want to remind stu-

dents about two things," said Joshua Hettrick, Assistant Director for Housing at Residential Life. "The most important piece is making sure to lock your doors when leaving your room or apartment."

"An unlocked door is just an invitation to people you do not want in your space. To ensure your safety and the safety of your belongings, be sure to always lock your doors."

Boakyewah said, "It feels like the person planned or arranged the set time to have stolen the money and item. It might not have necessarily been the specific time given. It could

have been anytime."

Residential Life, Hettrick said, is always available to help with these and other types of situations.

"However we can only help if we are aware of what has happened," he continued. "I encourage students who are affected by situations such as these to immediately contact their RD so we can help support them and make them aware of the process they can go through."

According to Michael Nockunas, Director of WSU's Public Safety Department, they are currently gathering the facts surrounding this incident.

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# Monster Frozen Yogurt: A new “delicious and fun” place to go in town

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

Just a few weeks ago, a new local business moved into town right near Big Y and Five Guys.

Located at 65 East Main Street, Monster Frozen Yogurt is an up and coming, delicious

spicuously around the edges of the ceiling.

Not only is the store very neatly decorated and clean, it is run by a kind, courteous staff that takes great pleasure in repeat customers.

Along the back wall is the frozen yogurt itself.

Flavors change every week, so even if you go often,

unique and tasty toppings to choose from.

The store features fresh fruit toppings, such as strawberry, peach, kiwi, and raspberry, as well as candy and cereal toppings: lucky charms, peanut butter cups, various nuts, sprinkles and much more.

The store also offers syrups: caramel, strawberry and



*Photo from Monster FroYo Facebook page*

Monster Frozen Yogurt is a “small and cozy” place that’s new in town and deserves a lot of attention with its wide variety of flavors and toppings constantly changing every day.

frozen yogurt place that deserves some serious attention.

It is small, cozy, brightly painted and neatly decorated. Large black leather sofas are arranged in the center of the store with bean bag chairs scattered about.

Cute booths lit by bright, funky lighting line the edges of the store.

A Mac Lab sits in the corner, which uses the store’s free WiFi.

In the back of the store is a chalk board where you can draw and write messages.

TVs hang from the ceiling, and speakers hide incon-

sistently around the edges of the ceiling.

There are a variety of delicious flavors to choose from, and you can even blend them if you are looking for something more exotic, such as Blue Steel and Strawberry Cream.

Prices start at 59 cents per ounce, so you can take as much or as little as you want.

The store is open every day from 11 AM to 2 AM, so you can visit any time of the day and stay as long as you like.

And this is just the beginning; there are tons of

chocolate, as well as whipped cream.

Located not far from campus, it is the perfect place to relax after a long day of classes, as well as get some homework done.

Monster Frozen Yogurt deserves your attention and business.

It is delicious and an all around fun place to go. I hope you give this new business a try, so that more small businesses will move in and begin to reinvigorate Westfield and help it become the town it deserves to be.

# Coffey Break with Matt Watts

*by Kylie Coffey*



Major: Spanish  
Hometown: Braintree, MA

1. *What is the best thing about being back at Westfield?*

Having nothing to do during the day.

2. *How late did you stay up last night and why?*

3 A.M. because I was doing math problems.

3. *What is your favorite movie?*

Anything by Mark Wahlberg.

4. *Twitter or Facebook?*

Twitter.

5. *What is your favorite place you’ve ever traveled to and why?*

Puerto Rico because it’s Puerto Rico.

6. *If you could have one super power what would it be and why?*

Time travel so I could sleep longer.

7. *What is one song that you always have one repeat?*

Gangnam Style.

8. *What is one word to describe yourself?*

Scrappy.

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# Letter to the Editors:

## Tobacco ban taking away students' rights

I was raised to believe that it is every person's natural right to do what they pleased, unless what they did negatively affected someone else.

To me, this is a fundamentally American ideal, and an ideal upon which this nation was founded.

In recent years, the government has taken a keener interest in the personal lives of its citizens, and now, it appears as though this has filtered down to the administration of Westfield State University.

In the three years since I began attending Westfield State, I have seen it evolve from a college to a university and from a place where students were encouraged to live as free and independent people to a place where students' lives are being micromanaged.

This is in response to the ban on tobacco that was implemented for this year.

I should disclose that I am not now, nor have I ever been a user of tobacco products. How-

ever, despite my non-use of tobacco, I still respect the rights of those who use them.

Tobacco users have made the conscious decision to engage in a behavior that greatly affects their bodies physically, but is this behavior any different than one consuming alcohol or even something as ubiquitous as driving a car?

When the distance that smokers were required to be from buildings was 50 feet, there was no difficulty avoiding them.

By going "tobacco-free", the University has decided to essentially remove the freedom of choice from those people for whom tobacco is a part of their lives. This to me smacks of tyranny.

One of the primary reasons given by the University for going "tobacco-free" is that it is a way to encourage a healthier style of living for its students.

While this is an admirable aim, one wonders where this will stop.

Will this become another state-run dry campus, a campus in which consumption of alcohol becomes secretive?

Its attractiveness increases by being a "forbidden fruit," and people consume irresponsibly?

What of the unhealthy food and beverage options being offered by the university, most notably the sugary vittles of soda and candy?

Let us not forget the "corrupt bargain" with PepsiCo and the university to offer their line of beverages.

Will these too be banned and the university give up that lucrative deal to show it cares for the health of its students?

The most sensible action is to allow the use of tobacco, whilst at the same time, discouraging its use. This allows for people to make the choice, rather than have the choice being made for them. Thus, liberty is preserved.

By Christopher Leopardi

# Editor's Desk



It's only the second edition but it feels like we've been putting papers out nonstop. With the exception of summer, I guess we kind of have! And not that it's a bad thing, not at all. It's just so easy to get right back into the swing of things.

I know we had some typos last week, so you'll have to excuse that. We put the layout together in one night and it's hard to catch every little thing, especially when there's only three people checking it over!

The online site has a lot of problems right now, we are aware of that. Those things are out of our control, but we are annoying the developers and making sure that they are aware of every problem!

Thanks for reading the paper - it's an amazing feeling to walk around campus and see people immersed in reading. You're all awesome!

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## If students want to smoke, let them smoke: Student responds to tobacco policy

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

On September 1, 2012, Westfield State University joined its statewide counterparts in instituting a campus-wide tobacco-free policy.

The smoking ban does not prevent anyone from carrying tobacco on their person, but does prevent them from smoking, chewing, or otherwise using tobacco products on any part of the campus.

This move seems to be in the footsteps of measures taken by schools like Bridgewater State University, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and cities like the Springfield to prevent tobacco use among its constituents. Bridgewater's tobacco ban went into effect last year while UMass' will go into effect in 2013.

The City of Springfield went a step further and prevented the sale of tobacco products in any retail establishment that contains a pharmacy. This means that CVS, Walgreens, Big Y, Stop and Shop, and Walmart are now forced to stop carrying any cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, rolling papers, pipes, pipe tobacco, etc.

Proponents of the ban cite clean air, healthier citizens, and higher public awareness of the dangers of tobacco.

Opponents, however, and I am one of them, cite government intervention on the availability of a consumer good and an infringement on a person's rights. On this campus especially, the ban has caused many students to put themselves in harm's way so they can enjoy their cigarette.

The roots of the smoking ban on this campus are somewhat secretive to the average student. But, a simple Google search brought me to the newly amended Westfield State Uni-

versity "Smoke free/tobacco free campus" policy.

According to said policy, the Board of Trustees voted on the smoking ban on December 10, 2009. It was outlined by the Board to go into effect January 1, 2011 but instead went into effect a year and eight months later.

This followed a 1997 amendment to Massachusetts General Law, section 22 of M.G.L. c.270, to be exact. It stated that smoking is to be banned within the State House and any buildings or properties owned or leased for use by a state agency.

This included the buildings on the campus of the then-Westfield State College.

To me, a smoking ban in public buildings is completely fine. There are very few places on a school campus, except for the dorms, that are private. If a person were to smoke within one of the academic buildings, they would subject the non-smokers to secondhand smoke, which is somewhat more hazardous than firsthand smoke.

In my view, this is where the ban should have ended.

However, this view is not shared with "more than 466 colleges and universities across the country, including at the universities of Florida, Kentucky, Oregon, and Michigan," according to masslive.com.

If over four hundred colleges and universities have bans such as this, what are the origins of such policies? In Bridgewater's case, it was the result of complaints from non-smokers. In UMass' case, it was the result of efforts of a professor of Biology who spearheaded an anti-smoking campaign.

In Westfield's case, according to its website, the ban is the result of taking "a positive step toward advancing the health of its entire community by going tobacco free."

Now, full disclosure, I am a proponent of the use of any and/or all drugs. Although that sounds crazy, I believe that a person has the right to destroy their body if they so choose and I will defend anyone who makes that decision.

Currently, I'm reading a book named Cocaine Nation and upon finishing that book, I will read Cannabis: A History. These books discuss the economics of the black market of the respective drugs, the health risks, and the environment that surrounds these drugs.

The people outlined in these books seem to find a way to cultivate, engineer, sell, and buy these illegal drugs, so to me, banning the very legal tobacco on campus is counterintuitive. It goes against my principles.

People buy things because they need them, enjoy them, or both. If a person likes using cigarettes, or conversely, if their bodies needs the nicotine, then there should be not one person or group of people to tell them that they cannot buy that item.

There are plans for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to ban retail establishments that have a pharmacy in them from selling tobacco products, much like Springfield has done. This government intervention prevents people from buying things that they want or need.

While the average smoker could just go to a convenience store to purchase their cigarettes, it puts businesses at risk because of the money they made off of the cigarettes.

So, the government intervening has now led to an infringement on a person's rights. Not only are the smokers' rights infringed upon, but now business owners have to find other avenues to make up the loss they're experiencing by not selling the cigarettes.

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## Editor's Desk



Hello everyone!

The most important thing I want to say this week is that **FINALLY** after all the promises and waiting around - the online site is live! We worked extremely hard to get this and are so pleased with it! We hope all of you are too :)

On another note, I sometimes feel strange being back, like I have to take an five extra steps to catch up. Like I'm behind everyone else here at the paper. Technically I am, I guess, since I was gone for a semester. It got me down, though, like I was somehow less than what my "title" says I should be.

But after putting out a great first edition and seeing the Westfield Voice online, I came to a conclusion. It doesn't matter what my title is, or what anyone else's title is. What matters is that we show up every day, dedicated and hard working, to create something amazing for the student body.

This is what I live for - and what I want my life to be come 2013 when I say goodbye to Westfield and I'm more than happy to be a part of it all. And to have been part of it for three years.

We have a fantastic staff that makes all of this possible and I'm lucky to know them. Through good and bad days, off weeks and unusual feelings, I wouldn't trade this for anything.

Now that I got that off my chest, have a great weekend and thank you, as always, for reading and being a part of our world.

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# Unnecessary tasks maintainers perform take toll on their health

**Alyssa Legare**  
Voice Reporter

A sign reading "Whoever is leaving droppings on the floor needs to stop & clean up the mess!!!" appeared on the door of a Lammers D Tower bathroom on the second floor just a few weeks into the school year.

Not only is defecating on the ground disgusting, but it is also unsanitary for the maintainers who clean it up.

Maintenance workers perform many unnecessary tasks, such as cleaning up

soiled feminine products and wiping "mucus membrane" off the wall.

Picking up students' fecal matter off the floor just adds to that list. They come in to work day after day and have to clean up after unappreciative college students.

Put into the category of "blue-collar workers," maintainers are probably looked at as having less of an education than the average student. However, there are many who would win in a battle of wits.

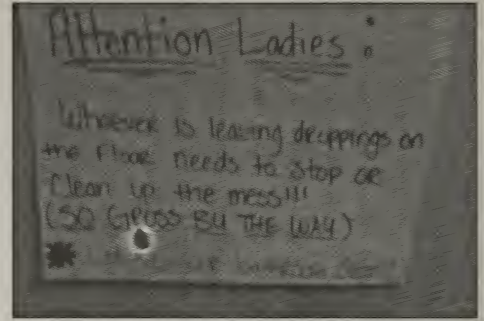
Doing a maintenance worker affect their health? It shouldn't, but it does. This profession has even been labeled

as a "bio-hazard" because it is truly hazardous to your body.

Especially because feces can contain a wide variety of viruses, bacteria and parasites, like the eggs from hookworms, flatworms, and pinworms ("Health Risks").

Yes, it is their job to "clean up after people," but the amount of superfluous duties these workers perform is too high.

Before you leave some excess material on the floor or the walls again, remember the negative effects it has on the hard-working people that ensure your living space is clean each and every day.



*Photo taken by Alyssa Legare*

This sign, hung on the door of a Lammers D tower bathroom, is a call to students to clean up after themselves.

## Letter to the Editors:

Dear Public Safety, check the whole car before ticketing

I know. Students complain about things all the time. Their classes are too hard, the DC smells weird, and the construction is loud. The list goes on and on.

Instead of talking about how annoying it is, I'm here to add to that list.

I live in New Hall, so getting an M lot sticker was a huge bonus.

I ordered mine over the summer, so I had the decal for months before school even started.

The first day back I put that big purple sticker on my back passengers side window.

I went home the first two weekends of the semester, but had my car parked in M lot during the week.

This past weekend, though, I stayed on campus.

On Saturday afternoon, I walked out to my car, passing cars with bright green tickets on their windshield, noting how busy Public Safety had been that morning.

I got to my car, open the door, and start to pull out when all of a sudden, mid-backup; I notice a bright green ticket on my windshield, too. Uh, what?

I was parked in the correct lot with the purple sticker marked very clearly on my back window stating where I was allowed to park.

The ticket told me I was parked without a decal and was to pay \$15.00.

What went through my head? "Oh, hell no!"

And so I drove over to Public Safety right then, putting

my errands on hold, to sort this mess out.

At the window, they checked my decal number and realized that I did, in fact, have an M lot sticker. Shocker!

And yes, they took care of the ticket.

But what troubled me was the fact that the woman asked me if my sticker was on the driver's side back window. It's not.

Yes, I know, there's a little diagram on the website showing where it's "supposed" to go, but that doesn't excuse the officers

from searching the entire car before issuing tickets.

I don't know if they have a quota like people think they do, or if they just like showing their authority, but issuing a ticket to someone who clearly has a sticker is ignorant.

In order to determine whether or not a ticket should be issued, they should have a way to type in a license plate number, see if the student has the appropriate decal for where they're parked, and go from there.

I don't want to have to

worry that my car is going to get ticketed daily because my decal may or may not be in the wrong spot, or because the officers may or may not walk around the car to double check.

Imagine my frustration if I actually had to pay the ticket.

Thank you, Public Safety, for realizing you were wrong, but please, next time spare me the trip and the headache and check every window from now on.

**By Distracted student**



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# Competency and Conservatism: Scott Brown's fight to win against formidable opponent

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

Last week Senator Scott Brown and Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren had their first debate.

It probably won't go down in the record books as one of the most interesting debates, however it was worth at least an hour of your life.

The Massachusetts Senate race is vital for control of the U.S. Senate.

After the 2010 Mid Terms, political watchers said that this year the Republicans would most certainly take back the Upper Chamber.

The numbers are murky and I would advise Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell to forget about measuring the drapes.

But this race still matters! The polls tell us that the race is a toss up and the contenders will perform in a marquis match.

Republican Senator Scott Brown is trying to stave off the gravest attack of his political life.

Liberal Massachusetts will not hand him an easy victory.

Let's remember he happens to be sitting in the same seat that the late Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy sat in for almost 47 years.

Harvard Professor and Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Warren is not going to be an easy foe to counter.

She is extremely intelligent - a darling of the Progressive Elite and to state the obvious, a Democrat.

While she has stumbled out of the gate, Warren should prove to be a formidable

opponent.

Polls released last week by Western New England University have Warren with a six-point advantage.

Public Policy Polling (PPP) also put Warren in the lead, this time by two percentage points, which happens to be within the margin of error.

The Suffolk News have Warren leading Brown by a four point spread.

The only poll that puts Senator Brown in front is the University of Massachusetts/Boston Herald report, which has him beating Warren by four points.

Anyone who has ever read my column in the past knows what I think of polls.

This doesn't mean very much, especially two months out.

These types of reports track trending candidates and can only be used to measure momentum.

While I would urge Mr. Brown to remain vigilant, he is by no means finished off.

Elizabeth Warren gave a great speech at the Democratic National Convention and has been hitting the airwaves with new advertisements.

Senator Brown on the other hand has had a low profile and has been tarnished by his political party.

Republican Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney has not been doing Mr. Brown any favors.

In Massachusetts, Senator Brown has to constantly remind voters that he is independent minded and a friend of women voters.

The Party as a whole has been flogged by the remarks of the Missouri Congressman Todd Akin.

Mr. Romney seems to be a glutton for punishment.

The secret donor video pretty much speaks for itself and his late Friday afternoon release of tax returns should give the Democrats plenty of ammunition going into the Fall.

So when Elizabeth Warren decided to bring up Senator Brown's support of Mitt Romney during their debate, it was pretty clear.

The Senator awkwardly avoided the prodding and started talking about his military service.

So she brought it up again and he went somewhere else.

The Republican Party and its nominee do not have an advantageous effect on Mr. Brown's reelection efforts.

He will have to keep reminding voters that he is not in lock step with GOP leadership.

During the debate he slipped while trying to dodge Republican bullets, however you can bet he'll be deploying a flak jacket of his own in the coming weeks.

It's exciting to be a Massachusetts voter at this point in history.

We truly have a great race coming up and more debates on the horizon.

While control of the Senate might not necessarily be an issue, government certainly has become one.

After this election, the people we send to Washington will have a mandate to get something done.

The fiscal cliff is near and America feels less optimistic about our future.

Let's hope the lofty rhetoric of a campaign can produce a government better able to meet the demands of a brighter future and of the next great American Century.



*Photo by media.masslive.com*

Senator Scott Brown and Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren's Senate race is heating up after their first debate last week

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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



In keeping with my promise from last week (and unlike the majority of today's politicians, I actually try to keep my stated promises whenever I can) the theme of this week's Donoghue Report is foreign affairs.

I know boys and girls, pretty exciting stuff. Try to contain your enthusiasm.

First off, I should say that I'm far from an expert on foreign policy (and I mean very far from an expert). Unlike a majority of Americans, however, I'm highly interested in news from across the globe and I'm constantly trying to stay informed with what's going on outside of our borders.

Also, this column is a general overview of just a few of the foreign policy issues affecting our world today. I would need an entire newspaper to delve into the details of each of these issues – so keep that in mind.

Despite its lack of attention for most of the presidential campaign season (prior to the September 11 attack on the American consulate in Libya), the entire presidential debate on October 22 will focus on this holistic topic.

And while tax policy, unemployment figures and our growing national debt may garner more media attention, U.S. relations with Iran, Israel, Egypt, Syria, Russia and China (among others) are all significant matters.

But to start, an expected American troop withdrawal from Afghanistan by 2014 accompanied by shaky relations with Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, questions over our commitment to Israel, Iran's nuclear testing program, and of course, Syria, leave plenty

of question marks regarding America's future role in an evolving Arab world.

The Arab Spring was a movement intended to bring democracy and independence to the oppressed nations of the Middle East. In a recent interview with the New York Times, Morsi said that Arabs like Americans want to live "free in their own land, according to their customs and values, in a fair and democratic fashion."

So what does that mean for the United States?

Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, one of the largest political organizations in the Middle East which is strongly based on the Islamic religion and Sharia law, believes that "ally" is a complicated word but hopes that Egypt and the U.S. will be "real friends" in the future.

Morsi was criticized for his slow response to securing the American embassy in Cairo following the violent anti-American protests on September 11.

But as a leader clearly influenced by religion, one important question to contemplate is what role will the Islamic religion figure into the developing democratic governments of these Arab countries?

It's obvious that Americans view the role of religion and freedom of speech drastically different from the way citizens of Middle Eastern countries do. Freedom of speech in the Arab world often includes strict anti-blasphemy laws that would severely punish the creators of the Innocence of Muslims movie.

As Morsi said in his interview with the Times, "If you want to judge the performance

of the Egyptian people by the standards of German or Chinese or American culture, then there is no room for judgment.

"When the Egyptians decide something, probably it is not appropriate for the U.S. When the Americans decide something, this, of course, is not appropriate for Egypt."

Is it possible for the United States to take a militarily hands-off approach to the Middle East while still maintaining peaceful relations with a culture that seems a universe a way in their beliefs? That's a question the man who wins in November will have to answer.

A pressing foreign policy issue with far-reaching implications is America's relationship with both Iran and Israel.

The tension between the two Middle Eastern countries is well known to the world and some have speculated that war between the two nations is imminent.

Questions abound over Iran's nuclear program and outspoken Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said that he would like to eliminate the Jewish state "off the face of the earth."

Rumors have swirled regarding a possible Israeli attack against Iran in the future and Ahmadinejad has stated that he would immediately retaliate against any such attack. At the same time, Ahmadinejad has said that he doesn't take any threats from Israel seriously.

But as a recently published Jerusalem Post article states, any Israeli attack on Iran could "trigger World War III" and lead to the destruction of Israel by Iran.

If Israel and Iran were ever to go to war, what would

the United States, whose closest ally in the region is Israel, do? What about Iran's allies China and Russia?

The possibilities are scary.

Speaking of Russia (and you should probably know that I studied Russian for four years in high school so I have a fascination with the country in general), how does the U.S. plan to overcome differences with Putin regarding missile defense and conflicts in the Middle East?

That leads me to Syria.

I was watching a Frontline special titled "The Battle for Syria" last week, and it's clear that the fight over the country's future is a horrendous humanitarian crisis. Cities are being destroyed across the country and thousands of civilians are being killed as the Free Syrian Army and other opposition groups battle President Bashar al-Assad's Ba'ath Party government forces.

With escalating violence on behalf of Bashar's regime against civilians and no end in sight to Syria's civil war, questions regarding possible U.S. involvement in the war-torn nation will continue to be raised.

Iran has great influence

over Syria, and China and Russia are Syrian allies, making U.S. intervention in the country unlikely.

But as journalist Paul Schemm points out in his recent post from the country, the freezing cold temperatures of winter aren't far off from hitting Syria, which will only make matters worse for thousands of civilians.

The future of Syria, and the entire Middle East, is an unwritten book – the role that the United States will play in filling the pages of these chapters has also yet to be determined.

While the current presidential campaign will continue to focus on the economy, concerns over foreign policy are significant issues that need to be addressed. The foreign policy debate between the two candidates may not receive the attention it deserves, but the answers the two men give to questions regarding these subjects could shape the future of our world.

(Also, I have completed my personal challenge from last week successfully, as this entire column was devoted to foreign affairs without the names of the two presidential candidates being mentioned once).

Do you agree or disagree with something that you read in  
*The Westfield Voice*?

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## Be prepared for this month's career fair: A message from Career Services

**Vanessa Dion**  
Voice Reporter

Are you in your senior year, and feeling a little anxious about finding a job once you've graduated?

Are you a junior who is looking for internship opportunities and part time jobs? On Thursday, October 11, 2012, Westfield State University will be host to a Government, Criminal Justice, Non-Profit Career Fair from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm in the Woodward Center.

Career fairs are the perfect opportunity for networking, and learn more about the internships and jobs currently available.

And these fairs aren't just for college seniors.

600-800 students throughout New England usually attend the Government, Criminal Justice, Non-Profit Career Fair, ranging from college students, community members, and high school students.

If you plan on attending the career fair, there are a number of things to keep in mind. Competition for jobs is high right now, and it is important to present yourself as best you can.

Here is a little bit of advice on how to prepare for a career fair, what to do while you're there, and what you should do afterwards.

Prepare yourself:

- Research. Make sure you research each of the employers who interest you.

You can find a list of the employers who will be attending the Government, Criminal Justice, Non-Profit Career Fair online at [www.westfield.ma.edu/careercenter](http://www.westfield.ma.edu/careercenter).

Know what the company's purpose is, as well as how you would be a valuable addition to their team.

- Dress to impress. Treat the career fair as you would a job interview. Business professional attire is the most appropriate. You want to appear clean and put together.

- Learn the basics of interviews. Go to the Career Center to set up a mock interview. They can teach you the proper way to present yourself and answer questions.

You should bring:

- Resume. Bring several copies of your resume to be handed out to employers. Be sure that it is accurate and up to date. And of course, proofread, proofread, proofread.

Have your friends or family members check for any mistakes, and make an appointment with someone in the Career Center to give it the final OK.

- 30-second Sales Pitch. There will be a lot of people attending the career fair, so you want to make sure that you can make a lasting impression on the employers you speak with.

Tell them a little bit about yourself and your career goals as you provide them with your resume.

- Appropriate questions.

Express an interest and know as much as you can about the career opportunities you're interested in so that you may intelligently keep the conversation going.

It matters that you:

- Attend on your own, not with friends. Make this event about yourself and your goals for the future.

You will appear more professional and more serious if you approach employers on your own.

- Don't come during the last half hour. Arrive as early as you can.

Some employers may not be able to stay for the entire fair. If you wait until the end, you may miss out.

- Don't bring a backpack or large purse. These will appear bulky.

You should carry your resume in a portfolio or folder so that it is easily accessible and kept clean.

So, once you've left the career fair, what should you do next? Follow up.

After the fair, you should have a collection of business cards from all of the companies you are interested in.

Employers expect to receive a follow up call or email to prove that your interest is sincere.

Take advantage of the fact that there will be one with in walking distance on October 11, 2012 and be sure you are prepared to make a good first impression.

## Designated smoking area suggestions

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Here at Westfield State University, the smoking ban has affected what I would estimate to be about thirty to forty percent of the university community.

Students now have to walk to Western Avenue, off-campus, to have their cigarette.

Sodexo employees have to now walk even further away from their stations to have the cigarette break that they look forward to during their shift.

Professors and other faculty and staff have to walk further from their classrooms and offices in order to smoke.

This hazard is infinitely multiplied on the weekends when students are partying. A simple drive down Western Avenue on the shuttle at 10:00, 11:00 on a party night and the campus is blocked by a smoke screen.

Conversely, non-smoking students that are walking to South Lot, the Woodward Center, the Horace Mann Center, or a different part of campus are subjected to dangerous second-hand smoke that is produced by the smokers lining the sidewalks.

What is the solution?

Students and faculty at UMass are already stating their opinion about a smoking ban that hasn't taken place yet, with some students saying, "if people want to pollute their lungs... that should be their right," or "I don't think it should be a priority on campus."

Students and faculty at Bridgewater find it to be hard to enforce.

According to The Comment, Bridgewater State University's student newspaper, president Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria said at an SGA meeting, "Are we going to...go out there and chase students down and try to mete out some kind of punish-

ment? Absolutely not."

She also claimed that students are free to smoke on any one of the sidewalks that cross through the Bridgewater campus stating that they were city property and not subject to the campus tobacco ban.

I have spoken to many Westfield State students myself, the majority being non-smokers, and they stated that a smoking ban might be too extreme.

Most said, and I agree, that instituting designated smoking areas would be a better idea.

This runs akin to the previous policy of smoking only being allowed fifty feet from any campus building.

The difference here is that there would be only three or four designated smoking areas. Possible places for these smoking areas would be:

1. in between Dickinson Hall and the Ely Library/Campus Center,
2. behind Lammers Hall and the future University Hall,
3. behind New Hall and next to Davis Hall,
4. and in between Parenzo Hall and Bates Hall.

Designated smoking areas work well in places with large amounts of people traveling through them, like Six Flags New England, and Walt Disney World.

They also allow non-smokers to be able to avoid the smoke and the smells of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

These areas could be kept clean by placing trashcans for empty packs and those cylindrical towers used for disposing of cigarette butts that dotted the campus last year.

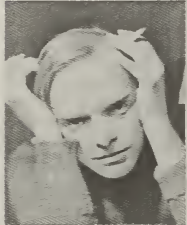
While it is nice to have clean air and a healthier populace, it is damn near impossible to attain. Smokers are going to keep smoking regardless of the ever-present health risks.

*"Attending a career fair is a great opportunity to open your eyes to the kinds of careers available to you."*

# REFLECTIONS

## By Matthew Futterleib

### Truman Capote – Born Sept 30, 1924



Born in New Orleans and raised in Alabama, Truman Capote's life of writing began at a young age - first to cope with the abandonment of his mother, and became serious around eleven. After moving to New York City, Capote dropped out of high school and began writing for *The New Yorker* at only seventeen. His first novel, *Other Voices, Other Rooms* was published in 1948, was

both heralded and scolded for its frank discussion of homosexual themes, which reflected Capote's own lifestyle. His writings (and personality) were loved by upper class New York City, hitting his height of popularity with *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1958) and its 1961 film adaptation starring Audrey Hepburn. Yet Capote was not satisfied, deciding to tap into his journalistic roots and create the first non-fiction novel (and his greatest triumph), 1966's *In Cold Blood*. The book was a true story of a 1959 murder of a Kansas family for which he interviewed himself both the murderers and townspeople affected by the incident. He remained a relevant figure of popular culture until his death in 1984.

Facts courtesy of pbs.org

### Babe Ruth sets the homerun record... again – Sept 30, 1927

After three revolutionary seasons of record-setting power hitting from 1919 to 1921, baseball critics believed that George Herman "Babe" Ruth could not possibly amount to matching these groundbreaking numbers ever again. They were wrong. In 1927, the New York Yankees lineup was the most feared by pitchers in Major League Baseball, dubbed "Murderer's Row" by baseball critics and fans alike. Led by outfielder Babe Ruth and first baseman Lou Gehrig, the team set the record for wins in a 154-game season with 116, and each player was neck-in-neck for the league lead in home

runs throughout the season. Critics gave Gehrig the early edge to win the league power title, but Ruth stormed through opposing pitching in September 1927, hitting an unbelievable 17 home runs that month. Babe's previous home run records from 1919 to 1921 were 29, 54 and 59. Entering the final game of the season, Babe had tied his record of 59 home runs and needed just one more blast. In the eighth inning against the Washington Senators, Ruth went deep and set the new home run record, which would last for 34 years until a fellow Yankee, Roger Maris, hit 61 home runs in 1961.

Facts courtesy of history.com

### Miles Davis – Died Sept 28, 1991



As the world's premier trumpet maestro for nearly fifty years, Miles Davis' storied career was known for its eclectic turns, innovation and accomplishment. Born in 1926 and raised in St. Louis, Davis was a musical prodigy from an early age, joining bebop pioneers Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie's band shortly after high school. In 1949, Davis compiled his own first nine-piece band and recorded his first solo material, twelve tracks which pioneered a jazz style known as "cool jazz" (later collected as *The Birth of the Cool* in 1957). Through his long career he continued to innovate, helping create the style known as "modal jazz" with *Kind of Blue*

in 1959 (which also introduced saxophone great John Coltrane) and "jazz-rock fusion" with *Bitches' Brew* (1970). He continued to play with his smooth trumpet style through the '70's and '80's, even collaborating with hip-hop artists in the early '90's. Davis succumbed to myriad health issues in 1991, but never officially retired from performing jazz.

Facts courtesy of allmusic.com

## Book review: "A Clockwork Orange" by Anthony Burgess

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

In "A Clockwork Orange", Anthony Burgess creates a dystopian world where adolescents rebel (rather ultraviolently) and speak in a slang language that the book itself is narrated in. However, things turn for the worse for our young narrator Alex when society tries to condition him against his own nature.

While at first it might seem like a simpler novel, there is a deep theme of the choice between good and evil, and more importantly whether we have that choice at all. I feel

that is the heart of the story, and Burgess presents it excellently. Juxtaposed with the violent imagery and language is a higher thinking and philosophical debate happening in the background, and it works incredibly well.

The characters created here are also all memorable, each having their own dis-

tinct personality (lack thereof). You'll probably hate most of them, but you'll want to hate most of them, for one reason or another.

You really will wonder by the end just who the good guys are, if you still think there are any at all, and without a doubt there will be something about this book that will disturb you

in a thought-provoking way (if it doesn't, well, then you might be a little crazy).

The other part of the book I have to mention is the world the Burgess creates through Alex's eyes. A great technique he uses is the narration in Nadsat (the slang used throughout the novel), which is highly inventive and also immersive.

While you may be confused a little bit at first by this language, you will pick it up quickly and you won't have to think twice anymore about almost everything thrown at you.

A last thing of note is that there were two versions released. One (the original United States version, which Stanley Kubrick's 1971 film adaptation was based on) has the final chapter of the novel omitted, and I would not recommend this version.

The full 21-chapter version of the book is readily available today, so finding it should not be an issue. This is an excellent (and still relevant) book that certainly deserves to be called a modern classic. 9 out of 10.

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2. Taylor Swift - We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together
3. fun. - Some Nights
4. Flo Ride - Whistle
5. P!nk - Blow Me (One Last Kiss)
6. Justin Bieber - As Long As You Love Me
7. Ellie Goulding - Lights
8. Alex Clare - Too Close
9. Owl City & Carly Rae Jepsen - Good Time

### Top Movies

1. End of Watch
2. House at the End of the Street
3. Trouble with the Curve
4. Finding Nemo 3D

### Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Dark Shadows
2. People Like Us
3. Prometheus
4. Rock of Ages
5. Chernobyl Diaries

### Top Albums

1. Dave Matthews Band - Away From the World
2. Little Big Town - Tornado
3. Bob Dylan - Tempest
4. The Avett Brothers - The Carpenter
5. The xx - Coexist
6. ZZ Top - La Futura
7. Imagine Dragons - Night Visions
8. Matchbox Twenty - North
9. Maroon 5 - Overexposed

## Movie review: Paul Thomas Anderson's "The Master"

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

Long awaited within the film community, "The Master" is the latest film from director Paul Thomas Anderson ("There Will Be Blood").

Beautifully shot and methodically paced, "The Master" is a hypnotizing art piece, which is certain to alienate some audiences, but if viewed in the right frame of mind, is an emotionally moving experience.

In a thinly veiled analogy for Scientology, the plot concerns Navy veteran Freddie Quell (Joaquin Phoenix), who returns from World War II severely disturbed and unable to properly adjust to civilian life.

Slipping into severe alcoholism, Freddie finds himself wandering from job to job until he drunkenly stumbles onto a private cruise ship.

However, rather than tossing him ashore, the ship's owner, a man named Lancaster Dodd (Phillip Seymour Hoffman) decides to let him stay.

Dodd, a self-described writer and philosopher, takes a special interest in Freddie and introduces him to his new religion, known only as The Cause.

As we ourselves are introduced to The Cause, the Scientology parallels become apparent – the indoctrination process includes a series of bizarre questions designed to evoke emotional responses, there is a strong belief in past lives affecting one's current self, and those who question or speak out against The Cause are forcibly silenced.

"The Master" is an odd film. Its plot sounds straightforward, but it's actually anything but that.

It doesn't quite move from scene to scene, but rather flows in waves, much like its recurring ocean metaphor.



Photo by [wearemoviegeeks.com](http://wearemoviegeeks.com)

Anderson has made a film that doesn't tell its story through traditional narrative or spectacle, but rather through raw emotion.

Sitting in the theater as the screen cut to black and the credits appeared I had to sit for a minute. I needed to digest whatever it was I just saw. "The Master" goal isn't to deliver a satisfying or exciting plot-fueled story, it's to move the viewer and leave them in awe.

It wants to draw you in like Dodd draws Freddie into The Cause. It hypnotizes you, and leaves you in a trance-like state as you stumble out of the theater. It is not a film for everybody. I counted at least three walkouts during my screening. If you're looking for something to bring a date to you'll be far

better off seeing "ParaNorman," "The Campaign," or "Trouble With The Curve."

"The Master" demands full attention from the audience and a willingness to explore the dark psyche of a tortured man.

Speaking of which, expect to see Joaquin Phoenix and Phillip Seymour Hoffman up for pretty much every acting award out there this Oscar season. The performances in this film are some of the strongest acting I've ever seen.

Phoenix immerses himself into his character like no other, seamlessly jumping from tortured self-reflection to violent outbursts and back again.

Hoffman is so charismatic that you almost begin to buy into the bizarre religion that he's selling.

Even when he delves into pure malarkey, such as his therapeutic "processing" curing leukemia, he exudes such confidence that if he were to really start a cult, he'd have no problem winning over thousands.

The film is not without its problems, however. Despite the magnetic intrigue present through the majority of its running time, it's still a little too long. It could have lost fifteen to twenty minutes in the middle and still retained its power. The dialogue also has the tendency to sound pretentious.

Anderson has often shown himself to be a writer who loves the sound of his own words and not since "Magnolia" (1999) has he held his chin up this high.

But despite these flaws, "The Master" serves as a masterpiece in a filmography full of them.

The Master may be destined to be a critical darling, but be detested by general audiences. It takes time to sink in. The longer it stewes the more I appreciate it, and the more I try to find the answers to the questions it leaves. But more than anything, it cements Paul Thomas Anderson's position as one of the greatest living directors working today. **Grade: A-**

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# Westfield football comes up short in late comeback effort

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Coming into last week's game against the Lancers of Worcester State, the Westfield State Owls football team knew that they had to be on their toes as the Lancers had a very good offense.

But the Owls were not expecting Worcester State's pass rush to be as dominant as they were in the game.

The Lancers made life for Westfield quarterback Tim Rich a living nightmare, as he was sacked six times in the game, two and a half of those sacks coming from Bryan Narcisse, in a 27-20 victory for Worcester.

With the loss, the Owls fall to 1-3 for the year while the Lancers improved to 3-1.

Offensively, Westfield was led by running back Michael Mercadante, who ran for 151 yards on 23 carries, and whose powerful running style helped the Owls set up an 11-yard touchdown pass from Rich to receiver Kevin Parnell in the second quarter.

Parnell had a very good day, as he had 35 yards receiving with the touchdown recep-



*Photo by Cindi Williamson, fatdogfotos.smugmug.com*  
Westfield sophomore running back Michael Mercadante had 198 yards in total offense against Worcester State.

tion in the second, and added a huge 73-yard punt return for a touchdown in the fourth to bring the score to 27-20.

But even with the good efforts from Parnell and Mercadante, the Owls were unable to establish the passing game that they wanted.

Rich was pressured all day long from the Lancers defense, and took a lot of big hits as he rolled out to the right on many passing plays.

Westfield's secondary was constantly under attack as Worcester quarterback Corey Spencer had a very proficient day passing the ball, completing 24 of 32 passes for 238 yards and one touchdown.

Spencer completed passes to seven different Lancers and utilized his tight end a lot during the game.

The Owls special teams also played a big role in this game; along with the punt re-

turn from Parnell, field goal kicker Kennan Starzel connected on two field goals of 24 and 30 yards apiece, to help keep Westfield in the game.

Late in the fourth quarter after the Owls were able to force a Lancers punt, Westfield had a chance to tie the game. But after moving the football down to midfield, Rich was sacked by Narcisse.

Rich's last-second Hail Mary pass was knocked down

by the Lancers secondary and the game ended with Worcester atop on the scoreboard.

Defensively, Troy Cutter and Mike Mizzoni led the Owls as each had ten tackles. Cam Willcox had seven tackles, with one sack, and Erik Wellhoff had an interception.

Westfield will finally be back at home this Saturday, after three weeks of playing on the road, for their second home game of the season.

The Owls face Bridgewater State on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

The Bridgewater State Bears are 3-1 this season and are coming off a 16-0 loss at the hands of Framingham State last week.

The Bears are lead by running quarterback Mike McCarthy, who has rushed for 213 yards and five scores this season. His top two receivers, Matthew Green and Adam Ledoux, each have ten catches this season.

To win this game, Westfield will need to protect their quarterback and feature a steady running attack on offense.

The key defensively will be the defensive line trying to contain McCarthy's running style.

## Westfield men's soccer stops Fitchburg

**Mickey Curtis**  
Associate Director of  
Athletics

Westfield State scored two first-half goals and held on for a 2-1 men's soccer conference victory over Fitchburg State on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The Owls improved to 2-0 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) and 3-3-1 overall. Fitchburg is 0-2 and 1-6-1.

Westfield scored its goals on perfectly executed plays with double assists on both scores. The hustling Falcons did put the ball in the net twice in the first half but they were flagged for offsides both times.

Westfield senior Bill Lund had assists on both goals. On the first score, he passed the ball to Jared Spicer in the middle of the field; Spicer then directed a perfect lead pass to Kristian Driscoll for the score in the middle of the box.

The Owls scored the

game-winning goal with 14 seconds remaining in the first half. Dave Anderson scored on a breakaway up the middle following assists from Jon Principato and Lund.

Fitchburg scored in the 58th minute on a penalty kick by Jason Pereira. The PK was awarded after an Owl handball in the box.

Westfield State outshot Fitchburg State, 15-3, with Falcon goalie Aiden Hanratty recording seven saves. Westfield goalie Kris Carrington had three saves, all big stops.



*Photo by Mickey Curtis*



# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

*By: Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



Collegiate sports are unique in the sense that schools pride themselves on what conference they're representing.

There are exceptions to this tradition, as military institutions such as Army and Navy remain as independent schools because of their recruiting disadvantages; they have the flexibility to alter their schedules if needed.

Schools such as BYU and Notre Dame have taken advantage of remaining independent schools for additional television exposure which leads to more money.

Recently, Notre Dame joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in all sports except football and hockey.

Although Notre Dame will play five ACC games in their football schedule, they refuse to give up the title of independent to join the conference.

Sources have reported the school is prepared to vacate its existing contract with the Big

East for upwards of five million dollars. Usually, schools must give the conference a 27-month notice about their departure, but Notre Dame is looking to beat the system once again by attempting to get out earlier.

It's a shame the ACC would let Notre Dame have their way on this because the football program in South Bend, Indiana doesn't deserve the type of respect it's being granted.

This 'powerhouse' football program has failed to produce a national championship since 1988.

They have a sub .500 record in bowl games and zero wins in the BCS during this championship drought.

Notre Dame's television deal with NBC for \$15 million each year has the university believing they're above the rest.

When the Big Ten Conference was trying to expand after each season, Notre Dame was asked annually to completely join the conference,



*Photo by bleacherreport.net*

Despite a lack of success in recent years, the Irish still see themselves as one of college football's elite teams.

which would be a perfect fit academically, athletically and geographically for the Irish.

The week to week grind of the Big Ten had Notre Dame turning its back to an ideal relationship in the making. Notre

Dame sees its football team traveling to opposing schools as an event in its entirety.

What they fail to realize is that this old way of thinking is no longer necessary, and what has been a slap in the face to the

Big East now travels south to the ACC.

The idea that this university's football team is above its counterparts is not only insulting to their opponents, but has zero legitimacy.



## Upcoming WSU Home Games



**Saturday, September 29**

Football vs. Bridgewater State @ 1:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Worcester State @ 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 2**

Field Hockey vs. Fitchburg State @ 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 3**

Women's Soccer vs. Trinity College @ 7:00 p.m.



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Libra  
(September 23 – October 22)

The moral code you have been living with thus far in your life will be tested, and perhaps for the better. Think about who you really are and don't let anyone change you.

Scorpio  
(October 23 – November 21)

You may feel the forces of society and personalities closing in on you. Instead of fighting it, try to be one with that force and use the force for your own benefit.

Sagittarius  
(November 22 – December 21)

While your responsibilities may pile upon you and your time may become strained, you will be rewarded for your efforts in the long run.

Capricorn  
(December 21 – January 20)

Peace and relaxation are your friends. So is selfishness, to a degree. This week you should focus on yourself and only yourself. The world can go on without you

Aquarius  
(January 21 – February 19)

People will flock to you if you're friendly this week, and this may inspire jealousy in both your friends and love interests. Ignore these people and focus on the new. You never know what will come from these new relationships.

Pisces  
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Your love life will get very confusing this week, so you may simply want to take a break. Instead, analyze your feelings and you'll see clearly. Focus on you this week.

Aries  
(March 21 - April 20)

Your intellectual endeavors shall prove fruitful this week, and you should look for new ways to expand your mind while the opportunity persists. Do that extra credit your professor provides you with.

Taurus  
(April 21 – May 21)

You have to only believe in yourself to advance your hopes this week, and nothing else. Have confidence in yourself.

Gemini  
(May 22 – June 21)

This week will be an excellent week for you in almost every respect if you are focused and put things into perspective. Don't worry about the small stuff, it will be okay in the end.

Cancer  
(June 22 – July 22)

That friend or family member you think is hiding something important to you really is. See what you can do to help them with their struggle. Or snoop around and find out what they aren't telling you.

Leo  
(July 23 – August 23)

Your passions will guide you this week, and you should let them take reign. They will guide you to what you truly want. It might take you to a career you never knew you wanted.

Virgo  
(August 24 – September 22)

This week will have its ups and downs. Don't let them get to you. Prepare for the downs as best you can and you will have a successful week.



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## Stop in at Tommy D's!

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Saturday, September 29

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# The Westfield Voice

The Student Press of Westfield State University

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Issue III

## Blackhorse Lowe screens short films at WSU

**Patrick Costello**  
Voice Reporter

With Columbus Day right around the corner, it is important to remember that there were people already here when Columbus "discovered" America.

Since then there has been a serious culture clash between the indigenous traditions and the culture brought by European immigrants. A clash that continues to this day.

Westfield was fortunate enough to have Native American filmmaker Blackhorse Lowe come to campus last Wednesday to show two of his short films.

Lowe, a Navajo raised on a reservation in New Mexico, uses film to explore the struggle the Navajo have to hold on to their traditions in the modern world.

The first of the two films, *B.Dreams*, is about a documentary filmmaker trying to learn the Navajo language so he can make a documentary about its use in schools.

He meets a local journalist with the same goal and they begin a hilarious courtship as the film goes on.

Blackhorse stated that the film is "my first attempt at a romantic comedy, a genre that I never really considered part of

my repertoire".

Despite this disclaimer, the film was popular with the audience, which was easy to tell considering the roaring laughter that came from the audience every few minutes.

However, despite the humor and romance in the film, it had a serious point to make.

Language is an important part of one's culture and sometimes it needs to be fought for.

The second film, called *Shimasani*, also had the theme of the importance of education.

In *Navajo*, *Shimasani* means my grandmother, and as the title suggests it is about Lowe's own grandmother.

About fifteen minutes long, the film is set in 1920's New Mexico. Shot in black and white, the film says a lot even though its characters say very little.

Blackhorse's grandmother, a sheep herder, would like to trade places with her sister and be able to go to school.

However her sister warns her that the school is abusive, and forces the children to only speak English.

After getting one of her sister's geography books she skims the pages and imagines what the world outside the reservation must be like.

After the films were done, Blackhorse explained that his grandmother never got a chance to go to school.

However she always told her kids and grandchildren how important an education was, and to "represent your people well."

Both films were highly inspiring and showed that we as students should not take our education here for granted.



*photo by Nicholas Rexford*

Westfield's Student Theatre Association featured "An Evening of One Act Plays" last week, which included Ann Wuehler's "The Next Mrs. Jacob Anderson," directed by Lauren Folan and starring Marisa Olson (right) and Gabby Smachetti (left).

### Useful Phone Numbers:

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Sat - 1:00pm-4:00pm

# Quick Hits

## Friday, October 5

9:00a.m.

Mary Kay Cosmetics  
comes to WSU  
*Ely Lobby 100*

8:00p.m.

Movie: Spiderman  
*Ely Main Lounge*

## Saturday, October 6

11:00a.m.

Baseball v. AIC  
*Alumni Field*

12:00p.m.

Field Hockey v.  
Framingham State  
*Alumni Field*

7:30p.m.

WHIP Comedy Improv  
*Dever Stage*

## Sunday, October 7

8:00p.m.

Movie: Spiderman  
*Ely Main Lounge*

## Westfield State's Family Day brings campus closer together

JR Nieb  
Voice Reporter

Family Day took place at the Woodward Center on Saturday September 29th.

Sernior Michelle Hanney, director of CAB at Westfield State University, said a lot of people helped out. Hanney said Family Day would not have happened if they did not have help from the CAB members and the other volunteers. Hanney said they had been planning Family Day since the summer. Westfield's Student Government Association oversaw the event as well.

"Seeing all the families come out and parents willing to buy their kids things and just everyone kind of getting together, I think it's a really nice time for everybody," said Hanney. "I think it's good for the families

to come out."

Hanney said Family Day is held at Woodward every year because she thinks there is more space there and they could not have held it on the campus green due to the construction.

She said she thinks it's good for the freshmen especially to have their families come to see how they are doing. She thinks it's also good for the parents to realize that Westfield cares about students.

Emily Baker, a junior and Student Ambassador at WSU, said her favorite part about Family Day was that she was able to spend a lot of time with her family and was happy to see all of the families being together and having fun.

Baker said, "I think family day's important to me because it gives me a chance to have my family here and show them my school."

Ola Smialek, a geography and regional planning major, who works at the campus book store said she likes seeing all of the families coming together.

"I think that we need to spend more time with our families nowadays and it gives us a chance to do so," said Smialek. "Well, you get to become closer with your family by doing fun activities and things."

Smialek said the book store was giving away raffle tickets for free T-shirts and twenty-five percent-off coupons for the book store.

Andrew Espinosa, a junior, who is a member of the Step Team, said he liked seeing everybody getting together, sharing their events, and spreading diversity.

"Everyone realizes that Westfield's just one big family," said Espinosa. "So we have to spend it together."

"Our club's the Step Team, we perform and then we show them that we can spread diversity in the campus, and also do community service to help out, and just have fun," he said.

Stone Koury, a junior and member of the Student Government Association at Westfield State University, said he thinks it's for freshmen, mainly to see their families.

"I think it's important for me because I like to see the community come together a little more," said Koury. "It brings more of a community to the school."

Koury said he likes seeing families of new students meeting their friends.

"We were here at 7:30. We start setting up and we work a lot of the tables, then we will break down all of the tables," said Koury.



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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.





## ‘Westfield Voice’ expands: Campus newspaper gains new outlet with the web

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

In the early hours of September 25, 2012, The Westfield Voice, the student press of Westfield State University, launched its online edition.

While there were still kinks and bugs to be worked out, the website was launched with the help of College Media Network, a company that assists college newspapers around the country create their online presence.

The website, westfield-voice.com, has seen steady growth over the last week as students are slowly finding out about it through the newspaper's Twitter and Facebook accounts.

The newspaper also recently relaunched its Facebook page so that students were no longer required to

“friend” the profile but simply “like” the page and be linked to the latest news surrounding the publication.

The process began early last year when the newspaper entered into a contract with the College Media Network.

Once the arduous process of contract approval was completed, the design for the website had to be done.

It was then sent to College Media Network for them to make it into an actual website.

Once school started, the editorial staff conferred with Casey Smith, a representative with College Media Network, via telephone.

The staff learned how to add articles, pictures, galleries, videos, and the like to the website with ease.

The staff then started by adding all of the articles, columns, and pictures from past editions of The Westfield Voice

onto the website.

This was a long process that took a couple of weeks. Once complete, College Media Network went to work developing the website and pushing it live.

Although there were a few kinks, such as the date on the top of the page being inherently wrong for days, and the links not working for a little while, the website's soft launch saw about 200 unique visitors in the first week.

The website will be the home of the news, sports, arts and entertainment, and opinion stories commonly found within the pages of the print edition of The Westfield Voice.

There will also be the ability to add photo galleries and video to the website to enhance user experience.

If you haven't done so already, please check out the website at [www.westfieldvoice.com](http://www.westfieldvoice.com).

## Coffey Break with Dave Attardo

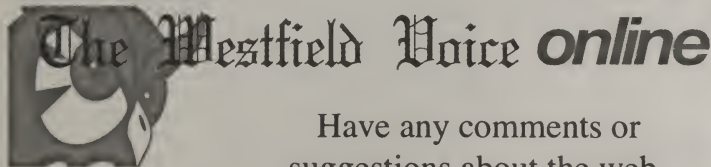
by Kylie Coffey



Major: Business Marketing  
Hometown: Braintree, MA

1. *What is your favorite Pandini's meal deal?*  
Meatball Sub, not grinder.
2. *Best Travel Experience?*  
I went to Amsterdam on April 20th last year when I studied abroad.
3. *Are you going home for Columbus day? What are you most looking forward to doing at home?*  
Yeah. I'm looking forward to getting home-cooked meals.
4. *What can you be found doing in between classes?*  
Horseplay with my buds.
5. *South Park or Family Guy?*  
Trick Question. Always Sunny.
6. *Favorite day of the week and why?*  
Saturday. College Football and Beers.
7. *Boxers or Briefs?*  
(Checks what he's wearing) Boxers.
8. *If you learned one thing from your freshman roommate what would it be?*  
Knock First.

*If you would like to be featured for the week - or know someone who deserves it- email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*



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# Professional vs. Business Casual

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

The school year is in full swing. September has turned into October and before seniors know it, they'll be shaking President Dobelle's hand and beginning their search for a job.

But before that happens, it is important to know the proper etiquette of the work place. For example, what is the difference between business professional and business casual attire?

Especially for interviews, most workplaces expect their candidates to don business professional attire. Unless your company says otherwise, it is best to show up to an interview looking professional.

So what does it mean to dress business professional? For women, a solid color suit, either a pant suit or a skirt, is efficient. Low, neutral color heels and limited jewelry is appropriate. It is best to have your hair either off your face or neat. Makeup should be conservative. Nails should be manicured and perfume should be limited.

Business professional attire for men includes: Solid color, conservative suit, long sleeve shirt, conservative tie, dark socks, and professional shoes. Hair should be trimmed and brushed neatly and cologne should be at a minimum.



photo by business.uni.edu

Be sure to know the difference between business professional (above) and business casual.

The meaning of business casual can vary depending on the company you are working for.

Although it is more laid back than professional, keep in mind that you still need to remember the "business" part of business casual. Ripped Jeans, t-shirts, and flip flops are not appropriate.

Appropriate business casual attire for women could include khaki pants or pressed skirts. Sweaters, cardigans, and polo knit shirts are also useful for business casual wear. Solid colors work best.

For men, business casual attire varies. It is best to wear

khaki pants. If jeans are acceptable for your company, it is best to go with dark jeans with a belt because it looks more professional.

Long sleeved button-downs, polo shirts, or knit colored-shirts are appropriate. Sweaters are also ideal for business casual. Always wear dark shoes. Wearing a tie in a business casual setting is usually optional.

Before going to an interview, always research the company to determine what type of attire would be appropriate. If you are unsure, remember this tip: It is always better to be overdressed than under dressed.

## Editor's Desk



*There is a voice inside of you  
That whispers all day long,  
"I feel that this is right for me,  
I know that this is wrong."  
No teacher, preacher, parent, friend  
Or wise man can decide  
What's right for you -- just listen to  
The voice that speaks inside.*  
- Shel Silverstein

No, I didn't just pick the poem because it has the name of the newspaper in it! I picked it because it's how I feel - it's the reason I am a writer. Amazing things can be told through writing, and amazing stories can be told through journalism. If you're a communication major, you should really be writing for the newspaper. I know we say that it helps on the resume, but it will do wonders for your writing. Hope to hear from you all soon!

Samantha Fahey  
Editor-in-Chief  
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## Intern's Desk



I'm excited to begin my new position as the Voice's Intern! I've only been learning the ropes for a total of \*checks watch\* 90 minutes thus far; however, I can already tell that it will be a great learning experience. There will be a lot of work, more so than I anticipated; however, if the stress of information overload starts to set in and I begin to feel bogged down, I just need to think of one of my favorite quotes (something that I think most people should try to remember):

**"It's just a bad day, not a bad life."**

Hopefully that will help to get a few stressed out students through the week!  
-Mary Zagula

## Ski Club Meeting

**When:** Thursday, October 10th

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Scanlon Banquet Hall





# BEAT FRESHMAN 15

## By Alexandra Davy

So you're out on your own for the first time. No more mom or dad nagging over your shoulder. Aside from a few extra people in your personal space, life is good.

But though college life seems pretty great, you got to stop and remember that your serious life change could have some negative affects too. Enter now; the Fresher Spread, the First Year Fats, the Freshman 15.

How can you keep yourself in prime form for college life or at least keep yourself at your own lovable weight? Try some of these quick tips to beat the pounds.

### 1. EAT BREAKFAST

As a first year, you probably got stuck with a lot of early morning classes. It may be tempting to roll out of bed at 8:10, but studies prove that people who eat breakfast maintain a healthier weight than those who skip.

It gives you energy for the classes and helps you avoid mid-morning cravings that tend to be satisfied with a candy bar, soda, or bag of salty goodness.

By eating breakfast you keep yourself satisfied until you can chow down on lunch and it gets your metabolism kick started right away.

### 2. BE AN ADVENTUROUS EATER

Those lines at the DC can get pretty long, especially at the busiest meal times. So sometimes it's tempting just to grab the same old cheeseburger and french fries, just so you don't have to stand around.

But hey, if all you eat is burgers and ice cream, you couldn't beat off the freshman 15 with a bazooka. Try all the different foods offered at the DC, especially the vegetarian ones.

Not only will this expand your food palate, it'll also help keep you healthy.

Don't shy away from the salad bar, the deli line, or the entree and specialty lines.

Just because it may not look like something you'd like, doesn't mean you won't like it.

### 3. CHOOSE YOUR BEVERAGES WISELY

This may not seem like that big a deal, but many sodas and alcoholic beverages are loaded with sugar and empty calories.

A study at Ohio State University showed that the biggest factor in weight gain for first year students was alcohol intake.

Plus all you tend to keep in your room are unhealthy snacks, so guess what gets chowed on when the late night cravings hit from drinking liquor and soda?

### 4. WATCH YOUR LATE NIGHT SNACKS

When you're up late "studying," guess what hits? The Munchies, a college student's worst nightmare. And as I said before, all you tend to keep in your room are salty and sugary treats.

Or you order out a hot pizza from Dominos. Not only does this put a dent in your budget, it also puts a blob on your stomach.

Switch it up! Keep fruits and veggies in your room for those late night cravings. Not only will they fill the void but they'll also keep you satisfied longer than that tempting pack of Oreos. Fruits especially have that sugary taste you crave but won't ruin your later.

### 5. JOIN AN INTRAMURAL SPORTS TEAM

There are a lot of intramural sports and sports clubs offered at Westfield, and anyone can join.

Whether you like football, Quidditch, or karate, there's always something you can do. Sports not your thing? Many clubs do day trips to hik-

ing, swimming, kayaking, and more.

Don't forget that fee you paid to join our gym. The gym has equipment for running, stair climbing, lifting weights, or aerobics, and offers classes that show you how to use the equipment.

The classes are a blast and they have ones for all levels taught by upperclassmen.

### 6. SKIP THE SHUTTLE

Yeah its tempting to take the shuttle to Woodward, Horace Mann, or South Lot and back, but leaving yourself a bit of extra time and walking can make a lot more difference than you might think.

We have a beautiful campus and you'll have a lot more stories to share if you walk to your destination rather than taking the shuttle. Just ten minutes of walking a day can shed pounds, especially if you take the stairs.

### 7. SLEEP

Staying up late and then waking up early can be detrimental to your weight. Take time to relax and recharge, which will keep your stress levels and weight down.

Of course, don't sleep for the majority of the day either. Find a healthy balance that works for you; try to always get at least seven to eight hours of sleep.

The general rule is for about every two hours you're awake you need about one hour of sleep.

Feeling drowsy during the day? Coffee, soda, or energy drinks may work for a short run, but the crash is hardly worth it. A 20-minute power nap can make you feel a lot better than any of those other ideas.

Overall, keep yourself organized and stress free, and freshman year will be the blast you were hoping and praying it would be!

## Editor's Desk



Hello everyone!

I am in such a great mood this week. It's probably because I haven't been home in three weeks and I'm super excited to be going home this weekend.

I really should be in a less-happy mood and a more work-y mood because I have a huge case of senioritis. All these papers and readings to be done and I have just been procrastinating like crazy. I guess it was bound to happen eventually...

Anyway, before I start procrastinating again and don't finish this page, I should let you all continue reading this lovely edition we have here! Thanks, as always!

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# Letter to the Editors: Residential Life “Crackdown”

On Friday, September 21st, I, like the rest of campus, received an email from Josh Hettrick of Residential Life informing me of the policy where we are not allowed to have flags hung in our rooms here on campus.

I'm sure, like the rest of the campus community, I was upset because I had a flag hanging in my room.

Sadly, I had to take down my Boston Bruins Stanley Cup Champions flag.

After reading the front page article in last week's paper I realized how petty my disappointment by this policy was.

I was not happy by the decision to begin to enforce the

policy, especially after a couple years of living on campus with flags in my room. But I knew the policy was there even before the email.

Unlike so many on campus students I actually did read the housing agreement I sign every year.

By signing that we all agree to follow the policies in our student handbook like the policy to not hang flags.

I will admit I hung my flag knowing full well it was against the rules, but I figured if no one said anything, why not?

Once the email went out I took it down, no complaints.

But “What about the First Amendment”?

The First Amendment and the right to express ourselves is an amazing right laid down in the Bill of Rights.

However, by signing the housing agreement each year we live on campus, we sign away a few rights to ensure the safety of not only ourselves but those around us.

I can understand being disappointed by the enforcement of this policy, but to be upset enough to claim the school is taking away your rights is ignorant.

If you read the agreement you sign every year then you have no right to complain as you knew what you could and could not do.

And if you did not read it then you have no right to complain as you made the decision to sign a contract without knowing what you were agreeing to.

The article also states how the attempts to find a student “pro-policy” were futile.

That may be because in the article the writer only interviewed her friends.

I am sure if there was any effort to interview students outside a circle of friends then one could have success in finding a “pro-policy” student.

To end this article the writer says how students shouldn't be surprised by the new policy to perform health and safety checks, starting in

October.

I agree with her, they should not be surprised as so many other schools across the country already do this.

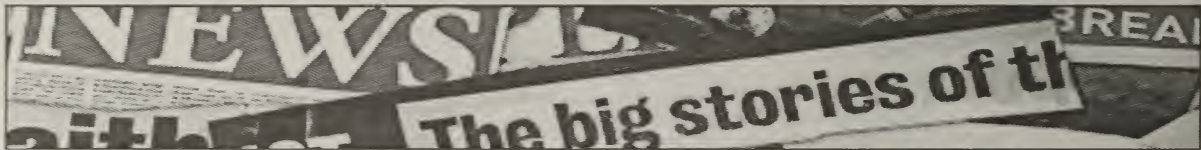
I am honestly shocked Westfield has gone so long without this policy.

I will say this about that article though. It was well written and thought provoking.

However, it was also biased and one sided.

Maybe next time the author can do a little more research and include the whole story to make a good article better and more thought provoking rather than just expressing student anger.

*Sincerely, Anonymous*



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# Competency and Conservatism: Romney can still pull off a win

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

The political punditry has written off the chance of Mitt Romney winning the presidency. However, with just about a month until Election Day, Romney can still pull off a victory.

Of course there have been stumbles along the way. A hidden camera at a fundraiser didn't help Romney's image. But that's not to say it's going to matter in the long run.

The one way to ensure these types of problems can't metastasize is for Mitt Romney to take charge of his story.

Every politician has a story, of which is usually successful, or else they wouldn't have been elected.

Romney needs to show that he is not the "vulture capitalist" that the Obama campaign propagates.

While plenty of criticism can be leveled on Mitt the "candidate," Mitt the "man" is not easy to attack. He is a family orientated, faithful, businessman.

While the liberals have liked to parallel Romney as a Gordon Gekko character, it's just not true.

If modern capitalism had a positive image, it might take the form of Mitt Romney.

He has been tremendously successful and ever mindful of his burden to society.

Mr. and Mrs. Romney's tax returns showcase their graciousness; the couple gave \$4.2 million to charity this past year. In his years as a public servant, he has never taken a salary.

From the Olympics, to the Governors office, Romney declined compensation.

I understand the political implications of a millionaire being paid taxpayer dollars, probably had something to do



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Don't count Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney out of the race yet.

with his refusal; however others have been in the same position and compiled their salaries.

My point is that Mitt Romney isn't a stereotypical "Robber Barron" type figure.

He ought not go on the defensive when liberals lay these types of allegations, Mitt should attack any assault on his character.

I personally feel Governor Romney's largest liability to the Presidency happens to be the portrait painted by his foes.

If Romney shows the American people he has the conviction to fight against those trying to undermine him, then he can win.

It's not necessarily President Obama that he needs to take on; it's the Obama campaign and its surrogates.

Mitt needs to throw his stump speech into the garbage and come up with something fresh.

He needs to advocate for his vision of conservatism, while optimistically trekking into the future.

Why should Americans

kick President Obama out of the Oval office?

And why should we elevate Romney to Commander in Chief?

These are the types of questions voters will have to determine, based on the facts presented by the candidates.

Mitt Romney also has to do a little more personal campaigning.

He needs to get on a bus and traverse the country.

That means stopping in Ohio, because he will most definitely need that state to win the White House.

The same goes for Florida with its 29 electoral votes.

Right now the polling suggests these states are in the Obama column, however it doesn't have to stay that way.

Between the three debates and some good old-fashioned campaigning, Romney can make up the difference.

To put it frankly, the campaign needs to unleash Paul Ryan.

I understand their strategy of deploying Ryan to local

media events, in the event of converting swing voters. But I think Paul Ryan could be used more effectively.

What they really need to do is give Ryan some attack lines and send him to a swing state.

The man of big ideas has

yet to offer anything substantive.

It's not his fault, it's the Romney Campaign that won't let him expound on controversial topics.

After the Sarah Palin fiasco, I can understand their hesitation in letting him free-style.

At the very least, Ryan needs to come out swinging at the Vice Presidential debate with Joe Biden.

The Vice Presidential debate doesn't matter very much, however it would show the American public that the GOP ticket still has a pulse.

You would be foolish to count Mitt Romney out of this race.

He's too good to be knocked out this early.

Romney has boatloads of money because he is always good at what he does.

For a guy who always seems to be written off, he manages to claw his way back.

I'm not saying defeating President Obama will be easy, but if a calibrated comeback is to take place, Mitt Romney is the man to do it.

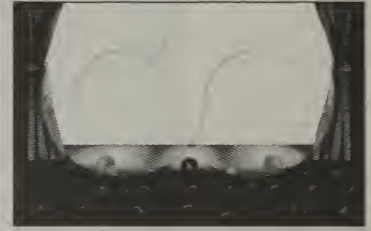
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Westfield's Student Theatre Association featured "An Evening of One Act Plays" last week, which included "The Unintended Video," directed by Jerry Greene and starring Desiree Rivera (right) and Becky Greene (left).



# A Liberal standpoint: I am entitled and proud

**Ryan Merceri**  
Voice Reporter

This is my first article, and I wanted to write something meaningful.

What could I say that would get people's attention?

Then I realized, what mattered most was to speak from my heart about what I believe.

Today, I want to address something that we have all, for the most part, seen: poverty.

It has never been a big issue addressed in the campaigns, not just this year, but ever.

There is talk about the shrinking middle class, about too much wealth in too few hands, yet somehow, little mention of those of us who open the fridge every day, hoping to see food, and finding nothing has changed from the previous day.

As a liberal, I believe it is the obligation of government to provide for everyone.

Because of this, I believe in the so-called "welfare" system.

In 2012 America, there is a lot of talk about shrinking

the welfare class, cutting Pell Grants, reducing entitlements, and the like.

"People need to get motivated," argue conservatives.

"All these moochers need to get off government aid and get jobs," conservatives contend.

"People get on welfare and they have big screen TV's and are getting steak for dinner!" They continue.

Here is the thing: I have never, ever met a single person who owns a flat screen TV on welfare.

That's not to say it doesn't happen. I believe it does. But it is not the norm.

Want to know what the norm is? A kid going to Westfield State, taking six classes, working full time, and raising a kid.

Guess who does that? This guy.

I can only feed my son because of WIC, which provides his baby formula and other nutritional needs.

He only has health insurance because of government insurance.

I only go to college be-

cause of Pell Grants.

I am a walking government subsidy. Yet I challenge anyone to find someone who works harder than me.

Go ahead, I double-dog dare you.

But this is not the argument I want to have.

The argument I really want to have is the one where

*You work hard,  
someone grabs your  
hands, and pulls you  
up for air.*

there is a kid in the inner city whose dad was a drug addict who overdosed or ran out on him and his mom; his schools are terrible, and his mom either does not work because there are no jobs or she does work but does not make any money.

He is hungry during the summer when he is not in school. His clothes are too small or old.

He gets MassHealth so he gets what he needs at the doc-

tor's office.

His mom wants better so she is entering him into a lottery at the local charter school, hoping against hope he gets the chance he deserves.

For his part, he wants this chance to provide better for his future kids.

Think I made him up? Nope, he's real. He was interviewed on a documentary called "Waiting for Superman."

Yet conservatives want to pull the carpet out from under him?

What happens to all the people on government assistance when that happens?

The crux of the argument is "entitlement."

People think they are entitled to food and shelter, as that great humanitarian Mitt Romney said recently.

This is the line in the sand. Liberals believe that by virtue of existing, human beings are entitled to these things; conservatives do not.

Why are they entitled? Because that is the idea behind government really isn't it?

I enter into society to gain certain protections in exchange

for a little loss of freedom.

Well, we have certainly lost our freedom, but where is our protection?

For people like me, it is still there, but just barely.

People who use government assistance are not demons to be hated or losers to be shamed. They are human beings just like you.

We have hopes and dreams. We love our families; we just have bad luck.

Everyone else gets assistance, whether it be the middle class with the property taxes they get back, or the rich with their massive tax cuts.

We just want ours, too.

The real American dream isn't "you work hard and get to achieve your dreams."

It is "you work hard, someone grabs your hands, and pulls you up for air."

If someone wants to cut, maybe we should consider starting with the massive pensions our U.S. Senators and Congressmen get for serving just one term in Washington D.C.

After all, if anyone hasn't been working and feels entitled, it's those people.



## Suspicious confirmed: Sean Lowe officially named 2013 "Bachelor"

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

Suspicious have been confirmed: Sean Lowe is ABC's newly chosen Bachelor. Lowe, the second runner up on Emily Maynard's season of "The Bachelorette," beat out Indy 500 driver and first-runner up Arie Luyendyk Jr., and Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte for the position of "Bachelor 2013."

After not tweeting or posting anything on Instagram since September 18th, suspicions circulated the entertainment world on whether Lowe was indeed chosen.

On September 20th, Mike Fleiss, creator of the "Bachelor"/"Bachelorette"/"Bachelor Pad" phenomenon tweeted, "Started showing Bachelor 2013 this morning... we picked a great guy!"

Fleiss finally confirmed via twitter that Lowe was the official pick on September 25th after five days of teasing follows by revealing tidbits without naming who the "Bachelor" was.

Lowe stole the hearts of female "Bachelor" viewers in May with his Southern charm (he's from Dallas after all), cool demeanor, and obviously hot body. When he was sent home the week before the finale, viewers took to social media expressing their distaste with Maynard when she sent him packing.

In an official press release, ABC has said this about Lowe's stint on "Bachelor:"

"A real romantic, Sean loves to make a woman feel special and, as a life-long Texan, holds Southern values close to his heart. He wants to propose once, be married once and live

a faithful family life, like his parents, who have had a loving 35-year union. Sean has a clear vision of what his life would be like with that one special woman. He wants to be the patriarch of a family that is centered on faith, love and laughter.

"He is eager to be a supportive husband who will encourage his wife to chase her dreams, as well as be someone whom she can rely on to help her through good and bad times. Quite simply, he is looking for his best friend. Sean also wants a big family and would love to adopt a child, as well as have some of his own, as long as he can pass on the values he has taught his kids."

Since the announcement of the news, Lowe has broken his twitter silence once and only once, to recite a bible verse, showing him to be a man of his faith.



*photo by blog.zap2it.com*

Second runner up on a previous "Bachelorette" season, the man who stole women's hearts, Sean Lowe, is the 2013 "Bachelor."

## Will we ever know who the mother is in "How I Met Your Mother"?

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Have you ever had that feeling when you know something is dragging on, but you stick with it because you've been there since the beginning? Well that is what my experience is with, and probably many other people's thoughts about CBS's "How I Met Your Mother."

What once was great show, with funny characters and interesting plots, now seems mundane and lifeless. The show, which debuted in 2005 and is in its 8th season, continues to drag and play with loyal fans emotions on whether they will ever see Ted Mosby's wife.

Therefore, as I sat and watched the show's season eight premiere the other week, I wonder how much longer this

show can last.

How much longer will fans will be willing to be played like fiddles as the writers go on often-meaningless plots and

Maybe I am looking at the show wrong. Maybe I should stop looking at this show's title as a promise that will soon be delivered, and I should expect

then the screen fading to black. It is not as if I have a lot of confidence that they won't.

Yet they didn't need to go in that direction, as they

a character. That would have been too simple, however, as this show continues to lose its once great luster.

So in previous seasons when I heard future Ted (Bob Saget) say, "A little ways down the road," it used to get me eager for what might come, but now that anticipation is gone.

At this point, I already know the show will progress at a snail-like pace to get to that particular moment. Moreover, when they finally get to that moment, most fans will have completely lost interest.

But nonetheless, even though the show has lost a lot of the magic that it once had, I continue to stick with this show, because when you spend so much time with characters like Marshall, Barney, Ted, Lilly, and Robin you just stick it out, regardless of how agonizing it may be.



*photo by cartermatt.com*

don't advance to anything remotely involved in finding out the truth in the show.

that the show will end its final episode with Ted meeting the mother and saying hello, and

easily could have introduced the "mother" character in season five or six and have her as

# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Yo-Yo Mama – Born Oct 7, 1955



World-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma's family taught him music at an early age, with cello lessons beginning at age four. For his studies, Ma would memorize two bars of Johann Sebastian Bach's cello suites each day, a rigorous learning schedule that would bolster his reputation as a musical prodigy. Born in France, Ma eventually moved to New York City with his family in 1962 to study at the illustrious Juilliard School for music. Despite studying under musical luminaries such as Leonard Rose and Leonard Bernstein, Ma questioned his internationally-recognized talent as a teenager and abandoned his studies until enrolling at Harvard under the tutelage of composers Leon Kirchner and Earl Kim. His fame and accolades are unprecedented for a classical musician of the 20th and 21st centuries, which can be partially attributed to his diverse musical forays into genres ranging from bluegrass to Brazilian bossa nova. His awards include multiple Grammy awards and, in 2009, Ma was chosen by Barack Obama as an honorary member of the Presidential Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

(courtesy of allmusic.com)

## First televised Presidential Address – Oct 5, 1947

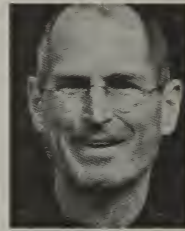
Seeing the devastation of European farmland caused by the battles of World War II, U.S. President Harry S. Truman sought to raise awareness among his citizens, hoping they would cut back on essential food groups such as grain and meat to revitalize European supply. In order for his message to reach the greatest amount of people possible, and recognizing the burgeoning popularity of the television set in American households, Truman turned to the visual airwaves to relay his plan for European economic relief. Although his message

failed to reach the majority of Americans on that night, the Marshall Plan to reinstate European prominence worked, and the message signaled the beginning of a new era in government communication. Every president after Truman would follow in his actions, speaking face-to-face with the American people to deliver similar messages at times of great importance. Later, presidents would begin to campaign on television, and "public service announcements" would come into practice to reinforce the beliefs and values of government leaders.

(courtesy of history.com)

## Steve Jobs – Died Oct 5, 2011

Steve Jobs was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs, residents of Silicon Valley in California, which would become the world headquarters of computer technology thanks to Jobs. Despite rebelling against the school system as a youth, Jobs had a prodigal mind and tested well enough to be considered for high school as an elementary student. He left home to attend Reeds College in Oregon. However, Jobs lacked enthusiasm and dropped out after 18 months of college. After three years of soul-searching, Jobs' career path led him to start Apple Computers with computer engineer Steve Wozniak. Together, they developed the first personal computer in 1976 and turned an enormous profit. By 1980, Ap-



ple was a publicly-traded company with a market value of \$12 billion. Despite stiff competition from IBM and the PC, and his departure from Apple in the mid-80's, Jobs returned to his position as Apple's CEO in 1997 and brought the company back to prominence. Jobs was a vital player in the development of the "i" products until the day of his death from pancreatic cancer last year.

# Book review: "I Am Legend" by Richard Matheson

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

With all of the zombie and vampire books and movies coming out these days, one would wonder why they might want to read an old one such as "I Am Legend", by Richard Matheson, in which Robert Neville contends with being alone in a world of infected vampire-like beings trying to kill him.

The so-called vampires behave more like zombies as we've come to know them yet still have characteristics and weaknesses of old school vampires.

These vampires do not sparkle when they go in daylight; instead, they go into a coma. Crosses and garlic work here, as well.

Perhaps even more interesting is Matheson including scientific explanations as to why these things work at all.

Matheson does a good job

setting the scene of a desolate Los Angeles for the reader.

Without realizing it, I could imagine the scene incredibly well whenever it was important.

His language is not simplistic but easy to follow. Never was I confused as to what was going on when reading this book.

There is a perfect balance of focus between the "vampires" and the psychology of Robert Neville and his progression throughout the story.

That progression, not the horror, is the real draw of this novel.

I am Legend plays with your heartstrings; you will likely

care more about a dog than any other character in the novel.

There are other characters whose fates will haunt you, long after you finish the book. The ending, by the way, is one of the best I've seen in a science fiction novel.

On a final note, if you get the book if may come with a series of other stories in it or it may not.

My copy did have these other stories with it, but with a few exceptions, they didn't match up with "I Am Legend".

That is the real gem here, and while it may be one of the oldest of the genre, it still is one of the best.

9 out of 10.

Read any good books lately?

Seen any good movies?

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### Top Singles

1. Maroon 5 - One More Night
2. PSY - Gangnam Style
3. fun. - Some Nights
4. Taylor Swift - We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together
5. P!nk - Blow Me (One Last Kiss)

### Top Albums

1. P!nk - The Truth About Love
2. The Killers - Battle Born
3. Dave Matthews Band - Away From The World
4. Little Big Town - Tornado

## Reggae band Mitigue's self-titled EP a "unique brand"

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

Reggae/Punk band Mitigue released their "Self-Titled EP" in August. Hailing from New Haven, Connecticut, Mitigue consists of four talented musicians who aim to bring their unique brand of reggae and punk to likeminded listeners. The EP consists of five brilliantly written songs.

The first song is "Iamthe-liquor," which features a crunchy bass-line and ska-style guitar riffs. One of my favorite qualities of Mitigue, which really shines in this song, is their introspective, meaningful lyrics.

Many of their songs focus on the distance between two people, the inability to properly explain what you mean, and how one perceives others.

One of the most poignant lines from "Iamthe-liquor" is "I'd change if I could but I can't so I won't." In this song, Mitigue tells the listener that you "gotta do what's best for you," even if what's right for you is not right for others.

The second song on the EP, "Monsters!" is one of my personal favorites. This song has a strong reggae feel, with its smooth guitar stylings and patient, steady bass line. This song focuses on the fact that sometimes, in order to remain strong and independent, you need to become someone else, "Leaving the monster I was, becoming the monster that I need to be to survive. Stay alive for a minute." About halfway through the song, the reggae vibe turns up a notch thanks to guitarist and lead vocalist Brendan Burke.

"Ranch," the third song, is the best song on the album. This

song is a perfect blend of punk and reggae influences. What can be called the only "love" song of the EP, "Ranch" tells the story of a girl and a boy that knowingly use each other.

The song starts off with Burke crooning, "Don't be fooled by the words I say to you;" neither party should be tricked or led astray by the other's sweet, meaningless words.

The relationship outlined in the song is fueled with sexual intensity, but little else. This is the strongest song on the EP precisely because it blends lyrical content with musical prowess; the song flows along seamlessly and as soon as it begins, it's over.

"Heroin Song" is the most punk influenced song on the album in regards to lyrical content. As the title suggests, the song is about a close friend that becomes addicted to heroin, "Admit to yourself, your ride

is over, get down off your reins, come a little bit closer to me." The speaker desperately wants to help their friend, but they can only do that if the friends first helps themselves. This song features keyboard work that gives the song a 60s/70s garage rock vibe towards the end.

"Chemical Boat" is the fifth and final song on the EP. This song is extremely ska influenced, with the up-and-down guitar strumming and overall pepped up feel.

Despite its seemingly simplistic structure, "Chemical Boat" features the most complicated bass work of the whole EP. Although it isn't the strongest or best song on the album, "Chemical Boat" winds up the EP nicely.

If you are looking for a new, interesting band to listen to, I suggest that you support local reggae/punk band Mitigue. self-titled-ep.

## Movie review: "Looper" hits the nail on the head with time travel theme

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

As a device in science fiction, time travel has long been used to reflect on the human desire to correct the past. Whether it be saving a lost loved one, fixing personal mistakes, or even helping the world at large. And as far back as the concept goes, writers and artists have considered the possibilities and paradoxes that time travel allows.

If you went back in time, and killed your father before you were born, what would happen? Would it be possible to become your own father? "Looper", like all good time travel stories, has a question of its own - What would happen if your present self killed your future self?

Set in the year 2044, time travel has not yet been invented. But in 30 years time, by 2074,

it will have been, and it will be outlawed. However, due to tracking technology, getting away with murder has become increasingly difficult. So, the mob, when it needs to get rid of somebody, sends the person back in time thirty years to be killed in 2044. There's no body to be found in 2074, and the person killed in 2044 doesn't exist yet.

The hit men hired to commit these executions are called loopers. However, part of the contract each looper signs when they agree to the job is that at some point, they will be forced to kill their future self. Once they do they will be released from their contract and given 30 years to enjoy their retirement, before they're inevitably kidnapped and sent back in time to be killed by their past selves.

Joe (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is one of these loopers.

When all of his friends are suddenly being released from their contracts, he starts to consider his own fate. He finds out that in 2074, a new boss named The Rainmaker is closing all of the loops. But, when Joe's time comes, his future self (Bruce Willis) escapes.

This isn't good for Young Joe who is now a target of the mob he works for. Meanwhile, Old Joe tells Young Joe that he believes The Rainmaker would be a child in this time, and that if he can find and kill him in the present, he will return to the future and be able to live out the rest of his life with his wife. Young Joe on the other hand thinks that if he is able to kill his older self, the mob will leave him alone and he can enjoy his 30 years retirement.

The plot is a mouthful, but it actually isn't that hard to follow. However, what

Looper's trailer doesn't let on is that it's actually a pretty serious film. The action and suspense are there, but it mostly takes the sideline to some serious considerations of the nature of time travel, murder, and in a way, suicide.

Even if in the future the Rainmaker is a ruthless mob boss, Old Joe's goal is ultimately to murder a child. Young Joe's goal is to literally kill himself - temporal suicide in a manner of speaking. The ethics of all this aren't ignored either. Old Joe regrets his past crimes, while Young Joe is forced to consider whether or not murder is always justified.

Even if it's not the focus, "Looper" does deliver on the action. The gunfights are expertly shot, and rev up the adrenaline. The film is close to two hours long, but is quick paced and flies by.

And not to forget, Gordon-Levitt and Willis do an amazing job of playing the same character. Make up makes it perfectly believable that these two are the same man at different points in life.

"Looper's" flaws however don't become apparent until the final act of the film. Adding telekineticism to the mix made it a bit unbelievable. And the finale, while it works within the frame of the story, feels like the weakest ending they could have gone with. There's a dozen better ways they could have ended the story that won't leave people more than a little scuffed.

Overall, "Looper" is a solid action film, and a nice change of pace for a blockbuster. It touches on serious themes while still having fun with its time travel premise. It wants you to have fun, but it also invites you to really think. **B**

# Westfield State football falls to Bridgewater on Family Day

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

On a cold Saturday afternoon when 2,009 fans packed Alumni Field, the Westfield State Owls football team was unable to come up with a victory over the visiting Bridgewater State Bears, falling 26-14.

The game could have been much worse – the Owls were unable to contain the balanced offensive attack of the Bears. In the first half the Bears controlled the game with some big passing plays down the field, beating the Owls secondary with ease.

Bridgewater utilized both of their quarterbacks, Mike McCarthy and Caleb Gelsomino, as both threw for over 100 yards and had three scores combined.

The Bears spread option attack caused problems for Westfield all day, who was without senior defensive end Chris Walker, who was out with an injury.

With the loss of Walker, the Owls defense could not

contain McCarthy's big gains on the ground as he ran for 93 yards in the game.

Westfield made a surprise change at quarterback in this game, as Coach Marino decided to start freshman quarterback Erik Washburn over junior Tim Rich (who had started the previous four games).

Washburn, who was making his first collegiate start, struggled mightily in the game, making some poor decisions including two costly red zone interceptions.

Washburn threw for 218 yards in his first start with four interceptions, which did not help the Owls' cause.

The freshman received no help from his running game, as Westfield only produced 32 yards rushing. Starting running back Michael Mercadante was stopped all day by the Bears defense.

The bright spots for the Owls had to be play of their special teams.

Senior place-kicker Kenan Startzell has now made 47 straight PATs and Kevin Parnell had a huge kickoff return of 56

yards. The Owls were also able to convert a fake punt in the second quarter that led to their first score of the game.

A run by special teams player Troy Cutter got Westfield a big first down and led to a Mercadante touchdown run. The Owls special teams unit also was able to recover an on-side kick late in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, Westfield played much better in the second half as they only allowed three points.

Senior linebacker Justin Ehrhardt had 15 tackles (8 solos, 2 for losses) and forced a fumble to lead the Owls. Fellow linebacker Cutter had 11 tackles.

With the win, the Bears record improved to 4-1 while the Owls fell to 1-4.

Westfield's next game is on the road on Saturday afternoon against Maine Maritime, who is 0-4 this season.

The Mariners fell to Worcester State last week 47-34. They average 17 points per game and opponents have averaged 32 points against them.



*photo by Richard Orr*

Troy Cutter (pictured above recovering an onside kick in Westfield's season opening win against Nichols) had 11 tackles against Bridgewater State.

They are not a passing team, as they only average 60 yards through the air per game.

They run more of an option attack and are led by leading rusher Billy Wetherbee, who has rushed for 383 yards and three scores this season.

If the Owls want to win

this game, they need to find some balance on the offensive side of the football. Senior wide receiver Kevin Parnell has played very well this season, catching 26 passes to this point, and if Westfield is going to stick with Washburn at quarterback, he needs to find Parnell often.

## Undeclared women's soccer team posts dramatic MASCAC victory

The M&M Girls did it again for the undefeated Westfield State University women's soccer team.

Kayley Miller and Brittanie McGregor – both seniors from Ludlow – teamed up for the game-winning goal to lead Westfield to a dramatic 1-0 overtime victory over Worcester State University in a key Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) game on Saturday evening, Sept. 29.

The unbeaten Owls boosted their overall record to 10-0-1 and 3-0 in the MASCAC. Worcester State is 4-5 and 2-1. It was Westfield's first regular season victory over rival

Worcester since 2006.

Westfield's Melissa Kulik flicks the ball to a teammate with Worcester's Brianne Beckman in pursuit.

Leann Rivard, (Chicopee/Comp), another standout senior for the Owls, actually started the game-winning play when she passed the ball from the 25 to McGregor in the middle of the field.

McGregor heel flicked the ball to Miller, who had a step on the defender inside the box. Miller then beat the Lancer goalie with a shot to the far post in the 99th minute and the Owls stormed the field in front of a large crowd of nearly 250 spectators.



Miller, who has played three years at Westfield, now has 99 career points for the Owls; she ranks fifth on the all-time scoring charts. McGregor (61 career points) and Rivard (59 points) rank 10th and 12th,

respectively.

Westfield outshot Worcester, 21-8, and both teams had several shots clang off the crossbar and post. Westfield led in corner kicks, 7-1.

Owl goalie Jess Habib

recorded five saves and Lancer keeper Mia Koutoulas had nine stops.

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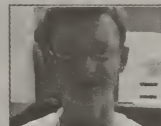


# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: Joey Cooper

Sports Editor



As decades pass in the college football world, so do offensive trends. Between the west coast, run and shoot, wishbone, triple option, wing-T, and the pistol or the spread, the offensive playbook is always evolving.

Over time it has been proven that many offensive looks such as the Delaware wing-T, wishbone and wildcat fizzle out, becoming a thing of the past.

In the past couple of decades the spread offense has proven it's here to stay. Not only is it changing the philosophies of the game, it's altering the type of athletes the sport produces.

The idea of stretching the field to create favorable matchups has changed the quarterback position for the better. Being the most coveted position in sports, it is important to note the advances among the talent being brought into the NFL each season.

In the past two drafts, Cam Newton and Robert Griffin III headlined their draft classes, each coming into the league from spread systems without taking any snaps under center throughout their final seasons in college.

Both Heisman winners share the ability to move the ball on the ground as well as through the air. The basic principles that the game was founded on are being challenged.

There is no longer a blueprint to what a quarterback must obtain within his skill set.

This past weekend was a clear indication of the change in times.

West Virginia quarterback Geno Smith picked apart the Baylor Bears secondary beyond video game type numbers.

Smith was 45-51 for 656 yards and eight touchdown passes. Despite putting up 70 points on their new conference opponent, the Mountaineers only held on to win 70-63.

Is this where the game is headed? The no-huddle, air raid offenses of Oregon and WVU are averaging 50 plus points per contest.

A once hardnosed, predominately pro-style conference, the Big Ten, laid claim to smash mouth football out of the I-formation by running down opponents throats.

Big Ten great running backs come to mind like Archie Griffin, Eddie George, Ron Dayne and Larry Johnson.

But in recent years the conference has evolved to be spread-dominated with many variations.

A once proud ground and pound team, Ohio State, has been taken over by Urban Meyer's spread offense attack featuring scrambler Braxton Miller.

Michigan, known for producing quarterbacks such as Tom Brady and Chad Henne, has changed philosophies the last couple of seasons starting



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College coaches like Oregon's Chip Kelly have changed the way offense is played.

with Rich Rodriguez and now continuing with Brady Hoke.

Other schools like Nebraska, Northwestern, Indiana, Minnesota and Illinois have fostered the spread attitude in recent years. This offense of the years has changed the way defenses prepare as well.

Defenses like the 3-3-5

and 4-2-5 have been specifically designed to get extra speed on the field and defend these pass-heavy offenses.

As new waves of spread offenses are established, the game will continue to develop and grow in unconceivable ways. It is great for the sport and even better for the fans.



## Upcoming WSU Home Games



**Saturday, October 6**

Men's and Women's Cross Country - James Earley Invitational  
Stanley Park @ 11:00 a.m.

Women's Field Hockey vs. Framingham State @ 12:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Salem State @ 3:00 p.m.

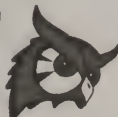
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**Libra**  
 (September 23 – October 22)

You can do absolutely anything you want to except for when your reality holds you back. In these circumstances, it would be well advised to rid yourself of that reality.

**Scorpio**  
 (October 23 – November 21)

Someone who you want separate ways with a long time ago may make their way into your life again, even though you were worlds apart before. You might not want to trust them.

**Sagittarius**  
 (November 22 – December 21)

You will have something to hide in terms of financial or personal information this week, although once the week is through your burden can be relieved with no consequence. So keep calm and carry on.

**Capricorn**  
 (December 21 – January 20)

You may have opened the door to a new lifestyle last week, and you will want to close it as quickly as you can. It almost certainly isn't good for you. Think of other ways to be different and run with it.

**Aquarius**  
 (January 21 – February 19)

This week there is a wheel in the sky that works just for you, but you will have to be the one to make it start turning. Keep pushing onward.

**Pisces**  
 (Feb. 20 – March 20)

Your love will accept you with open arms this week if you can get to them, however avoidant they may seem to you at first. Don't give up on them.

**Aries**  
 (March 21 – April 20)

Be good to yourself first, and you'll be able to tackle the financial challenges that will come your way in the forthcoming weeks. Now is the time to be conservative.

**Taurus**  
 (April 21 – May 21)

Someone you care about will but with your love and attention they will get out of it. Your patience will be tested, but it will be rewarded in abundance.

**Gemini**  
 (May 22 – June 21)

This week life will come to you any way you want it to. This means you will require wisdom to discern truth from fiction and insight into the workings of humanity. Be conscious of the world around you.

**Cancer**  
 (June 22 – July 22)

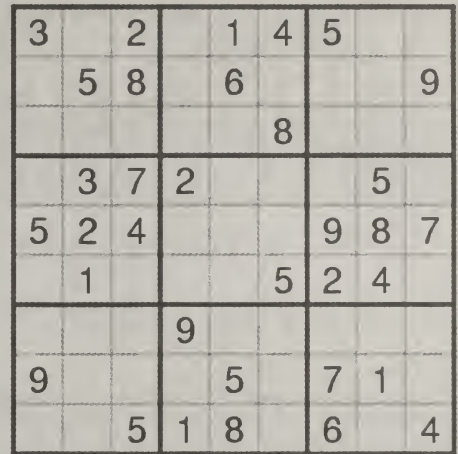
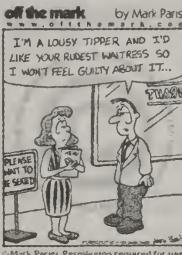
Don't stop believing in your own ability and ingenuity. They will be your friends during this upcoming rough week when you feel people might be attacking you unjustly.

**Leo**  
 (July 23 – August 23)

If you faithfully wait for the world, the world will not answer you. Instead, you must go out and make the world the way you need it.

**Virgo**  
 (August 24 – September 22)

A journey will make itself apparent to you this week, and it's up to you whether you want to follow the guiding lights or not directing you where to go. Stay true to your heart.



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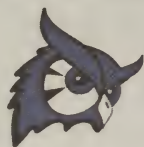
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# The Westfield Voice

The Student Press of Westfield State University

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Issue IV

## Westfield wannabe or college prowler? Unidentified male wanders across campus

**Samantha Fahey  
& Kylie Coffey**  
Voice Editors

Reports have been surfacing concerning a male posing as a student and letting himself into residence halls.

The suspect is a six-foot-tall, African American male who has been seen loitering outside Davis and Lammers Halls asking residents to let him in.

On September 27, Public Safety was made aware of the situation and the suspect's description by a Davis hall resident and, has since begun a formal investigation.

After searching Davis Hall, an "ISO working at Lammers Hall spotted a person inside of Lammers fitting the description of the male suspect in question," said Public Safety officials.

The subject was apprehended and interviewed by the campus police, along with "a resident student of Lammers who stated that the male suspect was a guest of his and that he has been staying in

Lammers for a few days," according to Public Safety.

The male suspect also told campus police that he had friends and a relative living in Davis, however this was not confirmed because of his inability to produce

specific names.

"Upon further investigation," Public Safety officials said, "it was determined that the male suspect provided false information to a university official and failed to follow university guest

policy procedures."

Since these incidents the University has banned this individual from campus property.

*The Voice is always accepting  
Letters to the Editors at  
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*photo by Mary Zagula*

Andrew Mertes welcomes guest speaker Christian McEwen to campus to talk about her book *World Enough and Time, On Creativity and Slowing Down*. See full story on page 4.

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# Quick Hits

## Friday, October 12

5:00p.m.

Latino expo

Scanlon Banquet Hall

8:00p.m.

Comedian Gina Yashere  
Loughman Living Room

## Saturday, October 13

1:00p.m.

Football vs. Coast Guard  
Alumni Field

6:00p.m.

Women's Soccer vs.  
MCLA  
Alumni Field

## Sunday, October 14

12:00p.m.

Walking With Natalie  
Woodward Center

8:00p.m.

Board Games  
Ely Main Lounge

## Class of 2014 raffles off Presidential parking space

Westfield State students, faculty, and staff are often frustrated by the parking situation on campus, but the Class of 2014 has a parking space just for you. This semester, the Junior Class is fundraising by raffling off President Dobelle's reserved parking space, located behind Parenzo.

The winner will be able to park in the President's parking space for one month. Please note: you must have a valid WSU parking decal to qualify.

Tickets are available at the Campus Center Service Window for \$1.00 each or \$3.00 for five. The Class of 2014 Council members will also be coming around to academic buildings during the next few weeks. Tickets remain in the raffle for

the rest of the semester. Drawings take place at the end of each month.

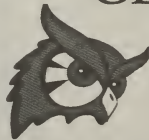
Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Junior Class's efforts to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Junior Class has raised more than \$3,800 for Make-A-Wish through their Mr. Westfield Pageant last semester. They hope to raise enough funds to meet the \$6,000 needed to grant a child's wish by the end of this academic year.

Help support the Class of 2014 and get a prime parking spot on campus for a month. It's a win for everyone. Of course, the more tickets you enter, the better chance you have of winning. Good luck to all who enter!



Congratulations to the October winner: Meaghan MacDonald, Class of 2012.

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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



## World Languages Department offers Arabic classes

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

In the past, Westfield State has prided itself in its awareness of different cultures. The school has hosted many different multicultural fairs, speakers, and events geared toward immersing the students in a variety of cultures.

A student can do this in the classroom, as well. Westfield State offers a wide variety of foreign languages and learning at least one of them should give a student a leg up on their resume and in job interviews.

Languages offered include French, Spanish, Chinese, Italian, and Arabic.

Arabic is a language that has gained popularity among schools across the country, as the area in the world where it is spoken most has become a regular feature in the news.

Arabic is spoken mostly in the northern part of Africa and the Middle East. The word "Arabic" can refer to Classical

Arabic, Modern Standard Arabic, or dialectal Arabic.

It is known for its unusual alphabet, the direction in which it reads, and its role in many of the words in English that we use today.

Professor Brahim Oulbeid, who is no stranger to learning a foreign language, teaches the class.

Including Arabic, Professor Oulbeid also knows English, French, and some local dialects of Moroccan. He is currently in the process of learning Spanish.

He feels that students should be "learning any foreign language for the purposes of communicating with native speakers, gaining insights into other people and their cultures, and building global citizenship."

"In the past we have offered up to Advanced Intermediate level in Arabic and we are hoping to keep the program growing," he said. "I really have a strong enthusiasm for teaching the language and culture as well as for building an academic program in Arabic Studies."

Next semester, the World Languages Department will be offering Arabic I and II. Professor Oulbeid will be teaching both of them.

Arabic I (CRN: 31400) will be offered Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm and is part of the DGCE program.

Arabic II (CRN: 30511) will be offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8:15 am to 9:05 am.

The classes are structured using the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) standards and includes the use of technology in the classroom.

Students will be expected to use an online resource to complete their homework assignments and to participate regularly in the class.

"Consider taking foreign language courses as they help build a good resume upon graduation," said Professor Oulbeid.

Next week will feature student experiences learning the language and why others should start learning Arabic.

## Coffey Break with Allison Forbes

by Kylie Coffey



Major: Psychology  
Hometown: Lee, MA

1. What is your life motto?  
YOLO!
2. What was the last movie you saw?  
Lady and the Tramp
3. Who is your favorite Professor at WSU and why?  
Linda Albright. She is awesome!
4. What has been your best college experience so far?  
Being able to go to the BAH. Spell it just like that. (clearly mocking the person interviewing her)
5. What is your biggest pet peeve?  
Bad Grammar.
6. Are there any songs stuck in your head at the moment? Which one?  
Birthday Song - 2 Chainz
7. What is your favorite thing about fall?  
The cute clothes
8. If you were to drink one beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) forever, what would it be?  
Twisted Teas!

*If you would like to be the featured for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email  
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and tell us why.*

## Guns on Campus: Students lobby for the right to carry weapons at school

**Rachael Duane**

Robert Eagar is anticipating his twenty-first birthday-but not for the reason many college students do.

A certified pistol instructor, president of the Georgia Tech Marksmanship Club, and a Students for Concealed Carry representative, Eagar is waiting for the day he can legally pack heat.

According to Georgia state law, Eagar can obtain a license to carry a gun at 21, but his rights on The Georgia Institute of Technology campus in Atlanta, Ga. are an entirely different matter.

As a public university abiding with state law, Georgia Tech does not allow students to carry guns on campus—a law that Eagar and his fellow students are lobbying to change.

In the aftermath of tragedies such as the Virginia Tech and Aurora, Colo. shootings, students across the country are

questioning campus safety.

Some, like Eagar, say the right to carry a gun on campus is a right to self-defense—a measure that could even prevent deaths in the case of an emergency.

But critics say allowing students to carry guns on campus is an accident waiting to happen.

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## Author tells campus to slow down, enjoy life

Mary Zagula  
Voice Reporter

On October 3, 2012 author Christian McEwen came to Westfield State University to read from her latest book, "World Enough and Time," and lecture about the importance of making time for creativity and living life slowly and deliberately.

Maddy Cahill, a professor from WSU's Communication Department, started off the event by giving a short account of how she first discovered "World Enough and Time." Not only was it the first book she has ever read from beginning to end twice, but Cahill went as far to say, "It made me look at life and time differently."

After Cahill's preface, and a brief introduction by WSU student Andrew Mertes, McEwen read select passages from her book for about 30 minutes.

"Christian McEwen is a fascinating woman with a specific view on how to live life, slowly and with great attention. Not only do the pieces she read support this point of view, the manner in which she speaks does the same," said Crystal Lanucha, a senior English major at WSU.

"Her soft, story-teller's voice hums through a sweet Scottish accent that is deliberate, articulate, and very fitting for the tone in which she writes," she said.

Following her reading, McEwen held a question and answer session in which she was asked how she came up with the idea of "World Enough and Time." McEwen explained that she used to fly out to various locations and help teachers learn how to use poetry in the classroom.

It became apparent; however, that those teachers did not love poetry like McEwen did. She attributed their disinterest to the fact that they were "living



photo by Mary Zagula

Author Christian McEwen came to WSU campus on Wednesday, October 3 to read from her book "World Enough and Time."

life 95 miles per hour," and that with poetry one needs time.

It was then that McEwen started coming up with ideas about ways to slow down everyday activities that become not only pleasures themselves, but pathways to creativity. She began to interview her friends and other authors and storytellers to find out their thoughts on the subject.

McEwen spoke of five different standpoints that influenced the writing of this book: personal, sociological, literary, spiritual, and the oral histories and interviews of others. She "braided together" those five aspects to create "World Enough and Time."

Student Stephan Zguta agreed with McEwen to an extent about the role technology has played in our society's need for speed.

"I do agree that technology has hindered us, as a society, with our focus and actually spreads us quite thin," said Zguta. "However, afterward I

was thinking about the subject, and how great of a tool certain technolog[ies] (the internet) can be and that maybe the problem does not lie within a machine but with our human nature. We are the ones who invest so much in technology and we have become a society without moderation."

McEwen wrote "World Enough and Time" as a way to bring an antidote to the sociological problem of speed.

"I have an image in my mind of a heavy rope being thrown into turbulent waters of speed and distraction," said McEwen, "so some poor person who is being overwhelmed can grab on."

The lecture raised many interesting points and questions about our society and its frantic sense of urgency, but more importantly, it made audience members reflect on their personal use of time and whether or not they need to slow down to live more deliberate and full lives.

## Editor's Desk



*"Fifty percent of people won't vote, and fifty percent don't read newspapers. I hope it's the same fifty percent."*

- Gore Vidal

What I take this to mean is that people who read newspapers are qualified to vote because they are well-educated.

Even though our newspaper isn't referenced on political channels or anything like that. But through reading it, students can become more educated on what is happening around campus.

I may not be very immersed in politics, but I certainly get the scoop when events happen on campus. That's what newspapers are all about - stay educated!

Samantha Fahey  
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## Intern's Desk



**"You can't start the next chapter in your life if you keep re-reading the last one."**

-Unknown

Dear Readers,

From here on out I will be sharing some of my favorite quotes with you all. I hope you will be inspired and/or entertained. Best of luck with the rest of your week, and remember: Don't think or obsess about things that can't be changed. It's pointless and there are plenty of better and more productive ways to spend your time.

Sincerely,  
Mary Zagula





# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



First off, I'd like to apologize to my dedicated readers for the absence of The Donoghue Report from last week's Westfield Voice. I believe it was the third newspaper in four years that I didn't write an article or column for.

Blame it on my new least favorite acronym in the English language: LSAT.

I had the pleasure of taking the Law School Admission Test last Saturday morning and it certainly wasn't the highlight of my long weekend.

I felt prepared for the LSAT, but getting less than an hour of sleep the night before the test (I don't think I had been that nervous for anything in my life) combined with a nice little headache on Saturday morning added up to a test performance that I definitely don't think was my best.

I won't get my score for a few weeks, so hopefully I'll receive a pleasant surprise when said score is released. The scores are expected to be released on Halloween, so as my brother Patrick said, I'll be in store for either a trick or a treat.

Anyway, while focusing my extra time preparing for the test last week, I have yet to relay my thoughts on last Wednesday's presidential debate... if that's what you want to call it.

It was more of an exercise in a sitting president doing everything possible to let a struggling presidential challenger back into the race.

It seemed like Obama was still in debate hibernation from 2008. He was in a sleepy trance for the first half of the debate and didn't start to show signs of life until it was already too late.

Romney took command

of the stage from the debate's opening coin toss (literally) and aggressively confronted Obama, Jim Lehrer, and even Big Bird during the 90-minute spectacle.

If I lived on Mars and didn't know which candidate was the incumbent, I would have thought Romney was the current president based on his words and actions. Obama's body language just didn't seem very presidential.

*"It seemed like Obama was still in debate hibernation from 2008. He was in a sleepy trance for the first half of the debate and didn't start to show signs of life until it was already too late."*

What happened to the awkward stammering Mitt Romney we knew and loved... to ridicule?

While President Obama constantly glanced down and appeared completely disinterested throughout the debate, Romney was in the midst of his political resurgence.

Obama was dominating the polls prior to the debate, but a major bounce from Romney's performance has completely altered the numbers.

Whether or not everything Romney said was the truth – or what he actually believes – matters less in a debate when most Americans struggled to keep up with the technical details of everything the two candidates were discussing.

Appearance is what counts on the national stage and Romney certainly gave the

appearance of a leader who's ready to be the President of the United States last Wednesday.

Obama failed to mention "the 47%." He didn't call out Romney on his tax or deficit reduction policy in a way that stole the momentum of the debate.

He lacked clarity in explaining Romney's tax plan, simply repeating the phrase \$5 trillion over and over again. He didn't jump on Romney for his

aggressor. Obama had a big lead in the polls, so why go on the attack and look overly antagonistic? Just sit back, look cool, calm and absolutely bored out of your mind.

Well if the current polls are any indication, maybe that strategy wasn't so great after all.

Many people have said that on paper or even on radio, the debate seemed much closer, maybe even leaning in Obama's favor.

But watching the two men on camera left little doubt that Romney owned the stage.

So what will Obama's debate strategy be on October 16? His performance certainly can't be any worse than it was last week and I assume he'll at least act like he's interested in what's going on.

But how aggressive will the president be? It will definitely be an attention-grabbing debate, and one of vital importance for both Romney and Obama.

As for this week (I'm

writing this column on October 9), the Joe Biden-Paul Ryan vice presidential debate should undoubtedly be entertaining.

Is it Biden to the rescue for the Obama campaign? How aggressive will he be? Will we hear any pivotal sound bites on Romney similar to Biden's statement regarding Rudy Giuliani during the presidential campaign in 2007?

If nothing else, the debate should be energetic and explosive... and maybe even informative.

Next week's Donoghue Report will be focused on the Scott Brown-Elizabeth Warren Massachusetts Senate race and specifically their October 10 debate at Symphony Hall in Springfield that I'll have attended by the time this column is published.

I'm really looking forward to attending the debate and I'll be excited to share my thoughts on the experience with you, my readers.

Until then, Happy Leif Erikson Day boys and girls.

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# Liberalism Today: Conservatives say no to unions, we say yes

Ryan Merceri  
Voice Reporter

Today, a common theme for the conservative right is anti-unionism. Governor Scott Walker, God bless the man, eliminated collective bargaining in Wisconsin.

Reagan, one of our nation's greatest presidents (note my sarcasm), fired the air traffic controllers who went on strike.

The last thirty years or so have been like a glimpse into the past. The Gilded Age, a time in American history when business reigned supreme, unions did not exist, and people were paid pennies per hour, appears to be swiftly returning.

It is true; we are still a far cry from those days when the National Guard shot striking workers for demanding higher wages. Yet real wages have not increased for the average American in almost 40 years.

A massive contribution to this fact is the service industry. The service industry provides the bulk of job growth in the United States, and the majority of the jobs are low paying and without benefits.

It is no coincidence that Wal-Mart discriminates against women, treats employees poorly, and also fires anyone who even whispers the word "union."

This is a call to arms. A demand for change. Those low paying jobs that exist in the service sector don't have to be that way. In the 1870's, when workers went on strike, they were striking against unsafe working conditions and low wages.

Some jobs, such as meat packing were especially brutal; in one case, according to Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle," a man fell into a vat, was turned into lard, and was packaged to be sent to grocery stores all over

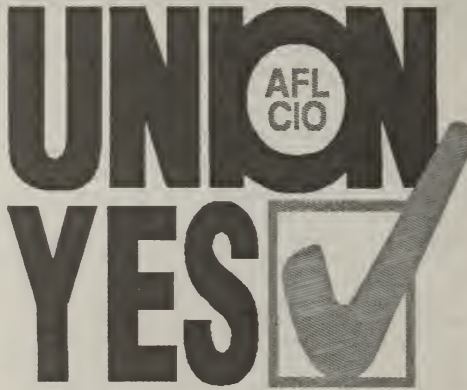


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According to the liberal perspective, unions are essential to a "true economic recovery."

the country.

It seems absurd that I could compare those days to the modern era, in which Republicans claim there are too many regulations and that there are plenty of protections for workers. Why then, are workers in the meat packing industry still forced to go back to work the day after they have limbs amputated? A person need only peruse "Fast Food Nation" or the documentary "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price," to recognize that the government has turned a blind eye to the needs of workers.

Yes, there are regulations and fines; the regulations are vague and the fines are pennies for monolithic corporations like ConAgra or Wal-Mart. There is only one way to achieve true federal help in the fight for a livable wage: unionization.

Service industry workers of America have to begin to come together and say enough is enough. For those who don't know, union workers get paid more than non-union workers, get better benefits, and are generally happier. The business I

work for competes against businesses that are unionized; just out of fear of those unions, the business has paid more to its workers and begun giving them benefits. Unions are a dirty word now; maybe some leaders at the head of unions are indeed taking advantage of their position.

That changes nothing for the guy on the bottom, who makes so little that he has to choose whether he'll eat or have heat. This isn't right; America is better than this. It can do better for its citizens. But we have to demand it.

Unions are one of America's greatest achievements. Don't let the propaganda mislead you; unions are a good thing for everyone except that guy at the top taking all your hard work and converting it into his third mansion.

If we are to witness a true economic recovery, it has to start in the service sector. If that is to happen, service industry employees must unionize. All that we have to lose is another terrible job with low pay and no benefits. But we stand to gain everything.

## Editor's Desk



*Out of the darkness, I came the farthest  
Among the hardest survival  
Learn from these streets, it can be bleak  
Accept no defeat, surrender, retreat  
-Waving Flag*

Hello everyone!

I have decided that I will be starting my Editor's Desk every week from now on with lyrics from the song we are currently listening to in the office. This week it was Waving Flag by K'NAAN. I don't know. Ask Spotify. Or Samantha, she really loves that song.

Why did I pick these lyrics? Well, I didn't defeat anyone on the streets, but I also didn't surrender when things got tough - I always keep fighting until I achieve what I set out to do! Great goal to keep in mind. Anyway, thanks for reading!!

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# Competency and Conservatism: "Romney was polished and ready for battle"

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

This is the first time since the 2008 election cycle I have been proud of Mitt Romney.

The last time was when he gave a speech on religious tolerance in America during the Primary season.

It impressed me that he was willing to call out the bigots and proclaim pride in his religion. I haven't seen that Romney since, but I can't say that any more because Wednesday evening he showed up again.

This time it was a one-on-one debate for the Presidency of the United States. The duel for the White House should be something a person fights for with intensity.

The take-away from the first debate was a clear win for Mitt Romney. He showed up looking to state his case before the American people on prime time television. Romney was polished and ready for battle. President Obama had a miraculously vapid performance of which he is unlikely to repeat.

Mitt Romney came across as much more friendlier than the President. Whenever Mitt was speaking, the President looked

down at the podium. He would give sarcastic glances at Romney when he disagreed with what the Governor was saying. Or he would occasionally smile while writing something on a piece of paper.

Whereas Romney almost always kept eye contact while the President was speaking. He made sure to have a slight smile when Obama was talking and knew when to look serious depending on the subject of the conversation. While Romney's grin is reminiscent of the "Cheshire Cat," it was not a harmful attribute.

The President seemed distant during the entire debate. He never gave a full throated defense of his policies or actions. It was a blasé attempt to get people to vote for him.

Romney spent most of his tie pivoting towards the negative aspects of Obama's policies. So it would have seemed natural for the President to highlight the positive. But that rarely happened. Instead, Obama repeatedly harped on a \$5 trillion tax cut in the Romney tax policy.

Here's the problem, Romney flatly denied such a thing and even pilloried the President on his definition of facts. "Mr. President, you're entitled to your

own airplane, your own house, but not your own facts." In case you're wondering, the President definitely didn't get the best of that exchange.

This debate was a huge win for the ailing Romney campaign. Anyone who tells you that Obama won must live in a parallel universe. It's hilarious that people can let politics get in the way of facts, but it happens.

The Obama campaign rushed to the spin rooms following the debate to cover for their boss. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley is probably the only person to think the President came out on top.

He said, "President Obama handled himself with a dignified reserve that we've all seen as part of who President Obama is."

First off does anyone know what this means? I've decided to forgo the costs associated with a translator and figure it out myself. What the silver-tongued Governor was trying to say is that his guy bombed and he feels really bad about it.

But it's most likely that O'Malley is jockeying for the Democratic nomination in 2016, but its still 2012 so it doesn't matter at the moment.

I still might be an unenthusiastic supporter of Governor



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Mitt Romney outshined President Obama in their first debate on October 3.

Romney but this debate lifted my spirits.

It was starting to feel like Republicans were just going to mail this election in and make way for another Obama term. I was planning on casting my ballot in support of that cause but now it's different.

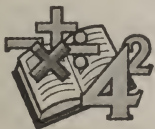
Romney noticeably heeded the advice of almost everyone around him and woke up. In the past week since the debate, Mitt seems like a different candidate. Almost as if he had planned it all along (I find it highly unlikely), but nonetheless Romney is making an improvement.

As humans we are inherently prone to error. However the one true act of competency regards recognizing shortcomings and correcting them.

President Obama failed to recognize that the American people expected him to defend his actions taken over the last four years. That is why his tepid debate performance really matters.

Mitt Romney has seemingly figured out his error and is making a last ditch effort to undo the damage. If the American people recognize and respond to this change is anyone's guess.

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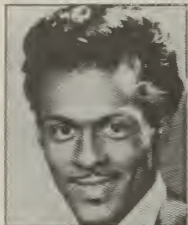
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# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Chuck Berry – Born Oct 18, 1926



One of rock and roll's pioneering musicians, as well as the widely-acknowledged originator of the "guitar riff," Chuck Berry was born in St. Louis, Missouri. As an avid fan of blues during his youth, Berry became affluent in the style and began playing blues songs on a shoddy four-string tenor guitar before upgrading to a standard six-string. He formed the Chuck Berry Trio in 1954, taking the East St. Louis club scene by storm with his renditions of white rockabilly tunes. Soon, Berry expanded his sound to the national scene, earning a recording contract with

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Chess Records in Chicago and recording his first hit, "Maybellene." With the help of New York DJ and promoter Alan Freed, Berry became an overnight sensation, appearing in Hollywood movies and selling out shows nationwide. His flashy stage presence and business savvy were smart for an African-American musician of his time, but even Berry had trouble evading detractors. After a two-year stint in prison, Berry found he lost his large audience in the States, but discovered a cult following in Britain, led by a new wave of bands like The Rolling Stones that began covering his songs to a great extent, which revitalized his career. Berry was among the first artists inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and he continues to tour from time to time, staking claim to one of the longest and most prolific careers in music history.

## First Publication of Winnie the Pooh - Oct 14, 1926

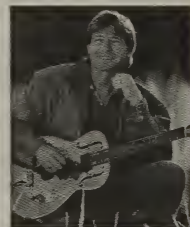
Beginning as a collection of children's books and stories, author A.A. Milne's "Winnie-the-Pooh" was first printed in 1926, featuring a simplified introduction to the bear's world that lacked the colorful illustration and detail seen in later story books, but still embraced the substance of Pooh's teddy-bear appearance and innocent, soft-spoken charm. The entire scheme of the Winnie the Pooh franchise was based upon Milne's son, Christopher Robin's assortment of stuffed animals, each of which were later animated into characters of the stories. The setting of the "Hundred Acre Wood" was, in fact, a five-hundred acre wood called Ashdown Forest in Sussex, England, which inspired the early drawings of Pooh's habitat by Milne's cre-

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ative partner, E.H. Shepherd. In 1930, Stephen Slesinger bought the rights to the story, and marketed the character into a \$50 million dollar per-year business. In 1932, Pooh's trademark red shirt appeared, characters like Tigger, Piglet and Eeyore gained further development, and dolls, records, board games and puzzles became licensed children's products, the first of their kind. Winnie the Pooh was sold to Walt Disney Productions in 1961, who began developing television series and feature films to expand the Winnie the Pooh franchise even further. Today, Winnie the Pooh merchandise "generate(s) as much revenue as Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and Pluto combined."

## John Denver - Died Oct 12, 1997

As a folk rock icon, John Denver's melodic and relaxed music, mixed with his calm demeanor, established his status as one of the '70s most popular singer-songwriters. But Denver, born Henry John Deutschendorf, Jr. in 1943, also embraced causes like environmental awareness and humanitarianism, using his music as a launchpad to further discussion of these topics. Growing up in a military family, Denver traveled extensively across the United States. He chose his stage name when playing at clubs in the early '60s around Texas Tech University, and later dropped out to pursue a career in music. After a short stint in the Chad Mitchell Trio, Denver's solo career began in 1969 and hit its apex in 1971, with the release of *Poems, Prayers & Promises*, an album that featured the hits "Take Me Home, Country Roads" and "Sunshine



on My Shoulders." His popularity in the mid-'70s was unrivaled among performers at the time, and his 1974 greatest hits sold over 10 million copies and stayed on the charts for over two years. In the following years, Denver was named poet laureate of Colorado and starred in a feature film with George Burns titled *Oh, God!*, a box-office hit for 1976. He laid low in the next decade, focused largely on humanitarian concerns and released his autobiography in 1994, three years prior to the single-passenger airplane crash which took his life.

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## Book review: "Jazz Talking" by Max Jones for jazz enthusiasts only

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

This week I shall review a book about jazz, by a jazz enthusiast, for jazz enthusiasts. If you hate the music, you'll probably want to skip reading this review and go read one of the other great articles in *The Voice*, as your time shall be better served there.

Now on to the book. "Jazz Talking," by Max Jones, consists of series of interviews

conducted by Max Jones with prominent Jazz musicians over his career as a writer.

These interviews, which include artists such as Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughn, Hoagy Carmichael, Stan Getz, and Coleman Hawkins, are all very well conducted, with interesting questions being asked of the musicians that apply personally to each of them.

This results in most of the interviews turning into interesting personal anecdotes of dialogues with Jones.

Some of these anecdotes

are hilarious, and others are very informative.

They all serve to humanize these musicians, making them more than simply names on the credits for a song.

Their voices are captured very well in the book, and you can feel as though they are talking right to you. It is difficult for me to describe the significance of this, but its effect is outstanding on the experience for the reader.

Another convenient thing about the book is that none of the book's interviews are very

long, allowing for you to just read a couple and put it down.

This is a good thing, as the book is rather dense and I wouldn't say it makes for good reading just straight through.

There is a lot of information, and it may need to soak in. That being said, as I mentioned, it is a book for people that like jazz.

The interviews don't simplify some of the language or terms the interviewees use, so if you are a complete newcomer to the subject you may find yourself at a loss.

Also, some of the references to musicians and records may also be lost upon the reader.

Each of the musicians does get an introduction of some sort or another, so it is ok if you do not know all of them.

If you are interested at any level in Jazz and wish to educate yourself more on the subject in a way other than your standard textbooks and documentaries, you owe it to yourself to get this book. Otherwise, you can pass it over without fear.

8 out of 10.



# MA surf-rock band Make Wave provides catchy tunes with new album

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

Although you may not realize it, New England, and especially Massachusetts, is home to a wide variety of talented local musicians and bands.

One such example is Make Wave, an indie surf-rock band that specializes in danceable, extremely catchy songs.

In the music industry today, especially in the section specializing in local, independent artists, 'catchy' can be given a negative connotation.

However, Make Wave is much more than your typical indie band (I'm looking at you, Vampire Weekend).

Their lyrics contain a depth that many of today's popular indie bands fail to reach.

Make Wave's 2011 debut album "Yeah, So" blends feel good summer tunes with songs about lost love and longing,

reminding the listener of now-defunct indie rock band Girls, but with a vibrant twist.

Tracks such as "Love Song," "Lost Time," "Hot Spots," "The Cape," and "Low Tide" show the listener that Make Wave is not just another catchy indie group- they are a band to contend with.

"Love Song," the first track on "So What," is an excellent opening track.

Beach imagery used throughout the song emphasizes how the singer feels about losing a lover. "The water's so cold, this beach will never get old. You're so cold..."

Vibrant vocals, a simple drum beat, and guitars with effects keep the song ebbing in and out like ocean waves. One of the song's key lines is sung repeatedly at the end, "I'll regret us as friends."

Sometimes, exes aren't made to remain friends, and even though it's sad, it's the

truth.

The next great song is the beautifully understated "Lost Time," which includes a single vocalist and a soft finger-picked ukulele. This song is also about loss, but in a more poignant and haunting manner.

Perhaps the most intelligent song on the album, the listener wishes it were longer (it clocks in at a mere 1:40).

On "The Cape," the narrator longs to leave where he is; he wants to go where things are better, where he could be much happier than he is now: "I know it's summer somewhere, things are better than in the winter."

He still needs his past love to restore his sense of equilibrium. Then, the song becomes more up-tempo and confident: "Come here and you'll be mine."

His past lover will return to him and make everything better.

The album comes to



*photo by Make Wave Facebook page*

a close with "Low Tide," in which the narrator is the one that has messed everything up, rather than the lover, an interesting switch from the album's recurring theme.

If you are looking for a

talented, local band to check out, I highly recommend Make Wave.

You can buy "So, What" for only *five dollars* or you can stream it for free at <http://make-wave.bandcamp.com>.

## TV review: Why is Honey Boo Boo on The Learning Channel?

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

The Learning Channel, a.k.a. TLC, was founded in 1972 by NASA and the National Health Department to serve the role of an educational channel.

Now, in 2012, it shows great educational programs such as "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo," "I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant," and "Toddlers and Tiaras."

Wait, hold on, did I just make a mistake? Is that a lineup of shows that are on a channel designed for learning, or reality shows on MTV, and VH1? Hold on, let me check my notes...

Nope, that IS correct, a

channel with the word "learning" in its very title is now delivering great quality programs about women who didn't know they were pregnant, families who parade their young daughters for pointless fame, and an idiot mother who shouldn't even be allowed to raise a pig has a show where her cute little girl does pageants and other useless things.

And even better, sure, let's cut PBS and get rid of "Sesame Street" and "Arthur" and other educational programming which teaches literacy, mathematics, and social understanding because we Americans have a much better alternative like The "Learning" Channel.

But seriously, what are people learning from this show? That we can take ad-



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vantage of our children to get ourselves on TV?

Everything on this network highlights our nation at its greatest stupidity.

Instead of maybe watch-

ing the news or reading a book, people find time to watch this garbage.

People may say I am being a hypocrite because I watch all these reality shows

on MTV and VH1, but all I have to say about that is simple.

On those shows, are we watching little kids being manipulated by their parents and seeing trash?

No, that is where I draw the line: I do not want to see young children portrayed as idiots on TV. I'll pass on that.

Nevertheless, what do I know? Maybe I am just naive to the times we live in today.

The "Learning" Channel DOES gets very good ratings for their shows.

Maybe this is what the world has come to: Americans enjoy watching terrible television programs, and we now learn our life lessons from "Honey Boo Boo" and learn how to be great parents on "Toddlers and Tiara's."

## A&E Quick Info

### Top Singles

1. Maroon 5 - One More Night
2. PSY - Gangnam Style
3. fun. - Some Nights
4. Taylor Swift - We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together
5. Pink - Blow Me (One Last Kiss)
6. Justin Bieber - As Long As You Love Me
7. Taylor Swift - Begin Again
8. Flo Rida - Whistle
9. Alex Clare - Too Close
10. Owl City & Carly Rae Jepsen - Good Time

### Top Movies

1. Hotel Transylvania
2. Pitch Perfect
3. Pitch Perfect
4. Looper
5. Frankenweenie

### Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Chernobyl Diaries
2. That's My Boy
3. Madagascar 3
4. Moonrise Kingdom
5. Crooked Arrows

### Top Albums

1. Mumford & Sons - Babel
2. Green Day - Uno!
3. No Doubt - Push and Shove
4. Pink - The Truth About Love
5. Dave Matthews Band - Away From The World
6. The Killers - Battle Born
7. As I Lay Dying - Awakened
8. Mumford & Sons - Sigh No More

## Movie Review: Not much to remember with "Taken 2"

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

The original "Taken" was a film that I enjoyed, but never really had the urge to see again.

However, catching the second half on cable the night before seeing "Taken 2," I realized it's actually a pretty smart and entertaining action thriller with a good rewatch value.

On the other hand, "Taken 2" is a night at the movies where you struggle to remember what happened the next day because there really isn't a whole lot that's worth remembering.

"Taken 2" takes place about a year after the first one. Ex-CIA operative Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson) has returned to civilian life.

His daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) is struggling to feel normal again after the trauma she experienced getting kidnapped by a French-Albanian human trafficking ring in the first film.

Bryan's ex-wife Lenore (Famke Janssen) is also going through a divorce, which Bryan decides to use to try and rebuild their relationship.

He invites them to stay with him for a week in Istanbul after he has finished a short body-guarding job.

Soon after they arrive, things seem to be going well and it is possible that Bryan and Lenore will get back together.

But the Albanians from the first movie, in revenge for the men Bryan ruthlessly killed, plot to kidnap him and his family.

While out for the day, they take him and his wife, but Kim stays safe at the hotel.

The head of the ring Murad Krasniqi (Rade Šerbedžija), tells Bryan that one of the men he killed was his son, and for his crimes Bryan and his family will be murdered.

Logically, Bryan replies that the girl his son kidnapped was his daughter.

This is where "Taken 2" drops the ball. It could have played with the concept of crime and punishment. Instead this exchange feels like a game of "No you."

And that's "Taken 2" at its core - a petty, shallow follow up.

Where "Taken" took care to respectfully show the dark horrors of human trafficking, a very real and persistent world issue, "Taken 2" just sort of skims over that.

Where "Taken" put pressure on Bryan's character to find his daughter as soon as possible, "Taken 2" feels like they could just walk out of there at any moment.

In fact, the whole story takes place in the span of an afternoon. The action is also lacking, but perhaps that's the flaw of PG-13 thrillers.

Everything is shown so rapidly that the fighting is lost and it's impossible to say who is winning because you can't see what's happening.

There's also a car chase sequence in the streets of Istanbul, and I want to know why filmmakers keep thinking that forcing cars into tight spaces where they can barely move is exciting.

It seems to show up in every action movie these days (particularly the "Bourne" series) and it's just kind of stale.

However, I did enjoy that Kim finally is a character.

One of my biggest issues with the first "Taken" was she was reduced to an object that everybody's fighting for that doesn't really show up until the very end.

Here, the audience gets to spend time with her as she attempts to rescue her parents, and Maggie Grace does a good job giving her dimensions.

Famke Janssen, however,



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gets little to work with as she becomes the damsel in distress who is constantly kidnapped and at one point loses a good amount of blood which leads to her passing out for the final fight.

It's a shame too, because she's a good actress and hasn't done anything major since "X-Men: The Last Stand."

Maybe the producers didn't want "Taken 2" to be as dark as the first one, because it certainly seems to be making a deliberate attempt at being more fun.

But that's what ultimately undoes it. There doesn't feel like there's any real threat; we already know the ending as soon as we sit down, and the ride doesn't make us forget that.

It's like "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" to "Raiders of the Lost Ark" in that it's a disappointing rehash that brings nothing new to the table.

It's still enjoyable enough, but just enough. If there's a "Taken 3," hopefully it will be more like "The Last Crusade."

**Grade: C**

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# Westfield's losing streak ends with blowout of Maine Maritime

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

They're back. The Westfield State football team finally played a solid and complete game of football last Saturday in a 63-13 win over the Mariners of Maine Maritime after four straight losses.

The Owls had little trouble in the blowout over the Mariners as they executed in all phases of the game.

The running game that was non-existent the last couple of weeks reappeared as Michael Mercadante had a huge game with three touchdowns and 154 yards rushing on 18 carries.

After struggling mightily with four interceptions in his first career start last week against Bridgewater, freshman quarterback Erik Washburn seemed more at ease behind center and quickly got the Owls on the board on the first play of scrimmage with a great pass

to Kane Terilli for a 75-yard touchdown.

Washburn threw for 220 yards on 13-18 passing with three touchdown passes and one interception in the game.

Senior receiver Kevin Parnell continued his strong season with a touchdown reception. He has a career high four touchdown receptions this year and is on pace to break career highs in receptions (32) and receiving yards (457) soon.

Defensively, Westfield was not fooled at all by the option attack of the Mariners and did not allow them to make any big plays on the ground.

Westfield was led by senior linebacker Justin Ehrhardt, who had 11 tackles, three sacks and forced a fumble. The defense also got a huge turnover from defensive end Billy Greene, who recovered a fumble for a 56-yard touchdown.

The 63 points the Owls scored last week was a school record for most points in a game,

breaking the old record of 54 points, which was also against Maine Maritime in 2002.

With the win the Westfield's record moves to 2-4 and 1-2 in conference play, while the Mariners have yet to win a single game this season through five games.

The Owls face the Coast Guard this Saturday, October 13, at Alumni Field with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. The Bears are 2-3 so far this season and are coming off a tough 44-21 loss to Bridgewater State.

This past weekend, Coast Guard lost two running backs to injury and is already without starting running back Tyler Hames. The Bears offense is one that is going to pass the ball a lot. With the injuries to the running game, the offense will fall into the hands of senior quarterback Jon Resch, who has thrown for 1,684 yards and 14 touchdowns this season.

His two primary receivers are Collis Brown and Pat



*photo by Richard Orr Photography*

Westfield quarterback Erik Washburn completed 13 of 18 passes for 220 yards and three touchdowns on Saturday.

Meggers. Brown has 40 catches this year and four touchdowns while Meggers has 545 yards receiving and five touchdown catches.

Westfield's secondary needs to play well if the Owls want to win this game. The sec-

ondary hasn't played that well so far this season and has been burned on some big pass plays throughout the year.

It will be important for the Owls to maintain their balanced offensive attack to keep the Bears offense off the field.



## Upcoming WSU Home Games



### Saturday, October 13

Women's Volleyball vs. Mass. Maritime @ 11:00 a.m.

Men's Golf - Westfield State Invitational @ 12:00 p.m.

Football vs. Coast Guard @ 1:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. Pine Manor College @ 3:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. MCLA @ 6:00 p.m.

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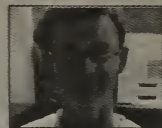
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# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



The 2012 MLB Divisional Series features matchups of teams that got to where they are by completely different philosophies.

Starting in the National League, with the eighth highest payroll, the San Francisco Giants are facing off against the Cincinnati Reds. To date (October 9) the Reds hold a 2-0 lead heading back to Great American Ballpark in Ohio.

The Reds have gotten to the postseason by developing their young talent while taking shots at certain free agents such as Aroldis Chapman.

The defending World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals have reduced their total team salary since losing Albert Pujols. St. Louis still remains as the ninth highest paid team in baseball.

Their counterpart, the Washington Nationals, had a payroll of around \$30 million

less to spend on talent during the 2012 season.

The Nationals have been able to cash in on back to back first overall draft picks, Stephan Strasburg and Bryce Harper. This franchise hasn't made the playoffs since 1981 when they were located in Montreal.

In the American League we also see matchups of polar opposites.

The Detroit Tigers stock piled throughout the season by signing Prince Fielder in the offseason and landing a couple of Marlins starters at the trade deadline.

Although down 2-0 at the moment, the Oakland Athletics are playing with a team compiled with \$77 million less than the Tigers.

Those who have seen the movie Moneyball can see how teams like Oakland need to go to extreme lengths to stretch a dollar and put together a ser-

viceable lineup to compete with big market franchises.

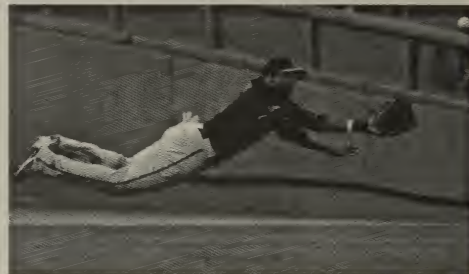
In the final series in the American League, the mighty New York Yankees face off with the once broken and damaged Baltimore Orioles.

Like every year, the Yankees once again retain the title as the highest paid team among all of baseball.

But the former doormat of the American League East is giving the Yankees all they can handle as the series to this point is tied 1-1.

Imagine if the Orioles were able to pull off the upset that in April we would have thought was impossible. To date, the Orioles have a legitimate shot to beat a team that has paid \$116 million more than Baltimore to win the same trophy.

There has never been a time when the underdog could do for a sport what the Orioles



*photo by baltimoresportsreport.com*

Adam Jones has the Orioles thinking they can beat the Yankees.

and Athletics can do for baseball right now. The once untouchable franchises now have glaring tears in their armor.

Teams that never anticipated making it to the World Series to be possible now have a shot to win down the stretch in October.

The parity in baseball

right now will be great for the sport down the road.

As the league is falling far behind the NFL and NBA in revenue and television ratings, new additions to the wild card teams should keep additional teams in the playoff hunt deep into September, reviving what was once America's game.

## The prestige of Notre Dame football: Response article to Joey Cooper

**Cody Goldman**  
Voice Reporter

Two weeks ago, Sports Editor Joey Cooper wrote an article criticizing the Notre Dame football program for remaining independent rather than joining the ACC conference.

He wrote that the Notre Dame Football program was out of touch with the rest of the country because they have not won a National Championship since 1988.

But is Notre Dame Football really out of touch with the country? Are they wrong for remaining independent? I don't think so.

Yes, the Notre Dame football program has not won a national championship since 1988, but haven't they always been relevant? Notre Dame has always had such a high profile football team that no matter if they are having a bad season or good season, people care about the program no matter what.

Since the 1988 championship Notre Dame has only had 4 losing seasons.

I would say that being an independent football program has helped them maintain their status as one of the top notch programs in the country because they can schedule other good programs to play and test their talent against the nation's best.

Another point that Cooper made in his argument about Notre Dame was that they should have joined the Big Ten conference. Really – the Big Ten? The same Big Ten conference that has struggled to win in bowl games in recent years.

Since the 2002 national championship game that the Ohio State Buckeyes won in a toss-up game with the Miami Hurricanes, the Big Ten is 3-8 in big bowl games that matter.

That includes two blowouts in national championship games at the hands of Florida and LSU.

The Big Ten isn't what it used to be and with the recent Penn State scandal, the conference is only getting worse foot-

ball wise as Penn State's program is set to take a step back in the upcoming future.

So why would Notre Dame join that conference when they have a \$15 million dollar contract with NBC each year as long as they stay independent?

By joining either the Big Ten or the ACC it would only hurt the Notre Dame Football program since they wouldn't be showcased each and every Saturday.

The Notre Dame Football program will always be one of the top-notch programs in the country and they will be because they are an independent football team.

Joining a conference would only hurt their program

because they wouldn't have the TV deal with NBC and therefore wouldn't be able to get as many top recruits as they do.

This season the Notre Dame Football team is currently undefeated.

They are ranked in the top 10 in the nation and are set up to have another winning season and could potentially have an outside chance to make a run at a national title if they play like they did Saturday against the Miami Hurricanes.

Being an independent school has made the Football program one of the best in the nation and this equation has always worked for Notre Dame and looks to continue in the future as well.



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**Libra****(September 23 – October 22)**

You may not know what you have until it is gone. Reflect on recent past and determine what you have in your life that is truly important.

**Scorpio****(October 23 – November 21)**

Beware the ides of October, for they may be someone trying to betray you among your closer circle. Other than that, you should have a good week though.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 – December 21)**

You may find yourself wishing to rebel against the authorities in your life, whenever they may be. Take a chance and go ahead with that, it could yield great dividends.

**Capricorn****(December 21 – January 20)**

You will face choices as to you want to be or not be, and it is probably better to Sometimes, though, you will just have to take a chance and see where it leads you.

**Aquarius****(January 21 – February 19)**

The age of your life will start to show a little bit, but remember that you also gain a great deal of wisdom from the well-lived life you have so far in comparison to your peers.

**Pisces****(Feb. 20 – March 20)**

Sometimes the stars do not have the answer and you may need to look to yourself for the best guidance. This week

is one of those times.

**Aries****(March 21 – April 20)**

You'll find more quirkiness and eccentricity in your life in the near future, but it will be a good thing. New is not always bad.

**Taurus****(April 21 – May 21)**

You will find your mood changing along with the season, and people might not like this. Reassure them that you are still yourself at heart and all will go well.

**Gemini****(May 22 – June 21)**

By the end of this week you will be walking on sunshine. You will be confident and everything will be in its proper place in your life. There is nothing that can stop you.

**Cancer****(June 22 – July 22)**

Yes, you might be feeling alone for a little while, and that may certainly continue for a while longer. However, one day you will meet someone who can cure that loneliness. Wait for them.

**Leo****(July 23 – August 23)**

Be on the lookout for a new person in your life that exudes youth. You will not want to forget your youth this week, as there is a good chance you will require the extra energy.

**Virgo****(August 24 – Sept 22)**

The world is more than just abstract concepts and concrete things, it is made of both. Try and live in both worlds and you will find proper balance in your life.

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## Students displeased with 2013 graduation time change

**Alex Myers**  
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the WSU class of 2013 received a postcard over the summer with the dates of Senior Convocation and graduation.

Since the issuing of the cards, a minor change has been made to the date of graduation – a change not so minor to students.

The originally scheduled date was Saturday, May 18 at 6:30p.m. Due to a rumored overbooking, Westfield State's graduation was pushed forward a day, making the official date Friday, May 17 at 6:00p.m.

WSU's 2012 graduation ceremony held at the MassMutual Center in Springfield last year marked the first time ever that Commencement was not held on the campus green.

Because of the construction in progress for University Hall and the full-sized Dunkin Donuts in Ely, the University will be unable to hold graduation on the green again for this year's ceremony.

Students seem to be displeased with the change, saying that it puts a burden on their families to travel far on a week-day.

"It's good we are getting

the date changed now instead of April," student Jojo Sutliff said, "but do they not realize that most people work on Friday?"

She continued, "Then add in the time restraint to actually drive all across the state and add a couple more hours to prepare in getting here.

"Now parents and relatives all have to change their schedule and not get paid, but spend a lot of money as well as

time to attend a graduation that will most likely not have a seat for them."

Student Courtney Begin had a similar concern, saying, "The only thing I know about Friday's is parents are most likely working, so I know my parents need to take that day off to drive out here."

Mirroring her classmates' thoughts on the inconvenience on her family, Christina Ransom

said, "Saturday would work much better for most people."

Alumni Kayla Smith, who graduated in 2012 and participated in the first ceremony at the MassMutual Center said that graduation is supposed to be a day of fun, not of stress and worry.

"You shouldn't have to be upset," she said, "because your dad could not get work off to see you walk across the stage."

Sutliff agreed, saying she knows already that her family will be going crazy, and worrying about everything from their car to space, time, and money.

"That's not a great feeling that I want to feel on my own graduation day," she said.

Check back next week for a full article on the reasons behind the time change and words from the Senior Class President.



*photo courtesy of Emily Tobin*

On Sunday at 3 p.m., WSU held a Color Me Rad run. Walk, jog, run or compete - the goal of the event was simply to have fun. Students were encouraged to wear white so that along their route, other students could splatter them with colored paint.

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# Quick Hits

**Friday, October 19**

5:00p.m.

Pumpkin Carving  
contest

*Campus green*

8:00p.m.

Open mic night  
*Ely Main Lounge*

**Saturday, October 20**

10:00a.m.

Homecoming  
*Horace Mann Center*

11:00a.m.

Women's Soccer v.  
Framingham State  
*Alumni Field*

2:00p.m.

Football v. Framingham  
State  
*Alumni Field*

**Sunday, October 14**

8:00p.m.

Board Games  
*Ely Main Lounge*

# SGA update

by Rebecca DiVico

- At the SGA meeting on October 16th 2012 there were numerous guest speakers.

- Junior Delgado, the Director of the Career Center, came to promote students visiting the Career Center located in Lammers Hall. Curt Robie, the Assistant Vice President of Facilities, came to speak about the upcoming renovations and additions to the University.

- On Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30 there will be a Political Convocation in the Woodward Center. This event will feature five noteworthy panelists speaking about the 2012 presidential election. It is open to the public.

- On Friday, October 26th at 9 AM there will be a rally called "College? Yes!" in Springfield.

- On Sunday, October 28th the Rays of Hope breast cancer walk will happen in Springfield. The bus leaves at 9 AM.

- SGA Meetings are every Tuesday at 5:30 in the Loughman Living Room in Scanlon Hall.

# Students voice opinions on Arabic courses at WSU

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

This spring, the World Language Department will be offering courses in Arabic I and II.

The courses, taught by Professor Ibrahim Oulbeid, are part of a trend that is starting to appear within American colleges and universities.

Arabic is starting to be offered more often because the area in which the language is spoken most is often in the news.

Here at Westfield State University, Arabic has been offered for some time now, and Mike Brill and Rob Leverone are two students that have begun the arduous process of learning a second language.

Brill, a Westfield State alumnus and former writer for *The Westfield Voice*, has been studying Arabic with Professor Oulbeid for the past five semesters and continues lessons with him today. He also studied the language for two summers in Jordan and Oman.

He cited the difficulty that most students have when starting this language is the alphabet and grammar saying, "Due to the alphabet and grammar that

are so different compared with English or even other more commonly studied languages, it takes more time to get up and running in one's studies with Arabic."

"Working to reach a level of proficiency is a real time commitment, but in my experience, has been worth every minute," he added.

Arabic is read from right to left, and Brill found that to be interesting. "The fact that Arabic script reads from right to left is also interesting.

"I've found that after reading Arabic for a while, I in turn subconsciously work on things from right to left as well."

Robert Leverone, who took Arabic in the first place to distinguish himself from other Criminal Justice majors felt very strongly about learning a second language.

"Having a foreign language skill is great to put on a résumé because it is a skill that is highly sought after in a multitude of career fields," he said.

He too shared Brill's intrigue in the alphabet saying, "Arabic is a unique language because it requires learning a new alphabet and it includes sounds that are not made in English."

As of right now, the study

of Arabic at Westfield State University is contained within a few classes and some independent studies with Professor Oulbeid.

Leverone holds out hope for the future. "The ultimate goal for the Arabic program would be to offer the language as a minor or major which, unfortunately, is not the case currently."

It is no secret that learning a foreign language is challenging but doing so will give you an extra leg up on your competition once you enter the job market.

Brill agreed, "If I am accepted and offered funding at the universities I am applying, I have no doubt that the fact I studied Arabic for five semesters at WSU and intensively for four months in the Middle East, will be a decisive factor in the minds of those on the admissions committees."

Professor Oulbeid concurred, "Consider taking foreign language courses as they help build a good resume upon graduation."

If you'd like to know more about the classes or would like to know more information on the languages, you can contact Professor Oulbeid directly at [boulbeid@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:boulbeid@westfield.ma.edu).

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## An Antidote to Columbus poetry panel: Finding truth through many lenses

**Amber Pettell**  
Voice Reporter

On October 10, 2012 Westfield State welcomed a panel of five Native American poets to provide their perspectives on the issues of Native history frequently addressed in celebrations of Columbus Day.

The panel was comprised of poet and editor Susan Deer Cloud, Stephanie Elliott, Ron Welborn, Trace A. Demeyer, and Joyce White Deer-Vincent. All five panelists were contributors to an anthology of poetry titled "I was Indian (Before Being Indian Was Cool)" vol. 2.

Students introduced each of the five poets, all of whom represented diverse backgrounds and native cultures.

After the introductions each of the poets were each asked to read some of their work.

Many of the poems read addressed issues of Native American culture and history that, according to the authors, have largely been ignored or misrepresented in westernized versions of history.

Despite having different backgrounds the poets all addressed very similar issues in their work.

They collectively showed how the repercussions of assimilation and westernization have been as damaging the cultures and lifestyles in native communities as colonization was physically damaging.

Another common goal expressed by all five poets was to create a sense of awareness about native cultures across the country.

Each poet addressed the issues through a specific lens

or stylistic tool. The two poets who most differed in their approaches to the same issues were Susan Deer Cloud and Stephanie Elliott.

Susan Deer Cloud described herself as a mixed lineage Catskill Indian. She grew up in a small town in the mountains and has since lived all over the country.

Deer Cloud is probably what most people think of when they think of a poet.

She is soft-spoken and described herself as being an extremely reserved child.

Her art, including many of the pieces he read during the panel is often very autobiographical and personal.

Deer Cloud read multiple poems that were personal and autobiographical in nature during the panel.

One of those poems was "Elm Hollow Road" which she said came from a conversation she had with a fellow poet.

The poem illustrated a powerful sense of conflict regarding the issue of home.

On one hand it demonstrates a profound respect and love for the land she claims is home saying, "how sweet the apple trees in bloom, the daffodils forget-me-nots, in the mountains' gold greening in whether wild with rain and sun and rain again."

On the other hand it displays a lot of pain brought on by prejudice and intolerance.

Stanza three reads, "but I will never shake the way the rednecks treated me... Small-town gossip, provincial ignorance, how I had to hide my poetry beneath my bed where no one could see its wayfarer light, last at the feral girl I was."

By writing in such personal manner she brings about such issues in a way that could

potentially make people think about the injustices facing Native Americans without pointing fingers or assigning blame.

Stephanie Elliott's approach was much less personalized.

In addition to reading poetry she read a piece of prose. In the essay she used historical evidence to point out several of the ways that westernization has been detrimental to Native American culture.

Among many historical references she discussed the impact of language restriction on history.

Elliott pointed out that by restricting the right of native people speak their own languages, the colonizing powers held an enormous amount of influence.

She also pointed out that through the restriction of language, colonizing powers had the ability to unfairly skew historical accounts as was done in the case of Christopher Columbus.

In addition to the perspectives offered by Deer Cloud and Elliott, three other poets also contributed their views the varying means.

Joyce White Deer Vincent read her poem "No More Bruises" which used common slavery imagery to drive the messages about colonization, assimilation and oppression.

Trace A. Demeyer's poem "Heart Shaped Ass" struck a chord with many audience members. It chronicled her struggles with anorexia.

On a larger scale, she said the poem was about being content with oneself in spite of being different or diverse.

Ron Welborn offered an urban perspective on Native issues. He read multiple poems that mixed his cultural ideals with a love of jazz.

## Coffey Break with Mike Geary

by Kylie Coffey



Major: Communication

Hometown: East Longmeadow, MA

1. Describe your life in two words?  
Can't see.
2. Who was the last person you sent a friend request to.  
Michelle Kooyomjian (she accepted).
3. How old were you when you had your first kiss?  
12.
4. Have you ever left the country? Where did you go?  
Yes. Italy.
5. What is the one class you're looking forward to taking next semester?  
Anything that John Paulmann is teaching.
6. What was the last thing you googled?  
Dip Nickerson.
7. What do you drink a lot of?  
Beer.
8. Would you rather be locked in a room with your worst enemy or your ex?  
They're the same person.

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## Columbia Greenway:

Bike path provides economic and health benefits for Westfield

**Rob Downey**  
Voice Reporter

Imagine yourself peddling your bike along a trail on a beautiful fall day.

Thanks to the Rails to Trails program, that image can become reality.

The program helped build the 3.2-mile long bike path known as the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail.

The Columbia Greenway runs from Southwick, through downtown Westfield and all the way up to the Westfield River Bridge.

Now, the Columbia Greenway connects to Southwick's bike path, the Farmington Valley Greenway, which extends from Connecticut, through Southwick, and now to Westfield.

In upcoming years the Columbia Greenway will extend further north, connecting Westfield to Southampton and Easthampton through their Manhan Rail Trail, and to Northampton through their Norwottuck Rail Trail.

The Columbia Greenway

is an excellent resource for the city of Westfield and carries not only a handful of recreational value, but potential for economic value as well.

The greenway will provide obvious recreational opportunities, such as giving people a place to enjoy themselves on a leisurely bike ride while they de-stress.

The Greenway also provides both the city and the state with a lot of economic value that many people would agree are in need, and that value is jobs.

A study done by Heidi Garrett-Peltier, a member of the Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst compares the economic value of a pedestrian/cycling, and road infrastructure and says that "on average, bicycle-only and pedestrian-only infrastructure create the most jobs, followed by off-street multi-use (bike/ped) trails."

The study shows that infrastructure for bike-paths generally create 11.4 jobs total for every \$1 million spent.

However, only 6 of these jobs are created as a direct re-

sult of the infrastructure itself.

The jobs directly created from a bike-path would be someone like the planner, or the landscaper.

The greenway will also create 2.4 indirect jobs and 3 induced jobs.

Indirect jobs would be jobs created for the needed materials, such as signs or pavement.

Induced jobs would be jobs that are created from people both related and not related to the project spending their money on items such as food and retail items.

A 2009 survey from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics found that "66 percent of people said it was 'very important' for them to have sidewalks, paths, or other safe walking routes to school."

Additional benefits from greenways have been shown as well.

Some of these benefits that Westfield might see once the last phase of the bike path is complete could be increased home values, decreased congestion, safer travel routes, and improved health.

## Editor's Desk



This Monday is...

### MY 21st BIRTHDAY!

I don't know, I'm not that excited for it. I think my roommates (and Kylie) are more excited than I am, because now our apartment will be "wet." And by roommates I mean Jojo.

Anyway. That earthquake? Didn't feel it. But all at once everyone was tweeting and updating their status, and Alex and I had no clue what was going on. There was something good that stemmed from it though - has anyone seen those pictures of a chair knocked over and the words "Earthquake 2012"? So funny.

Okay, random column over. Say happy birthday to me on Monday if you see me walking around? :)

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## Career Fair preps college students for working world

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On Thursday October 11th, the Westfield State University Career Center hosted the 17th annual Government, Criminal Justice & Non-Profit Career Fair in the Woodward Center. Over 90 employers were in attendance.

The career fair is a source for students to meet representatives from a wide range of companies and make connections that might secure them with future employment. Last year,

over 750 students from many different colleges attended.

Lisa Nugent, Coordinator of Program Development and representative of South Bay Early Childhood said she expects students to know something about her company when they approach her table - especially the name.

Ruth Roiden from the Multicultural Community Services of the Pioneer Valley said that when at these fairs, they are looking for someone who is motivated.

"We are looking for someone who wants to improve

the quality of life for others," she said.

Nicole McClusky, also of MCS, said that the difference between a prepared student and an unprepared student is the way they "dress, their confidence level, the type of questions they ask."

"We might take a second look at someone who is well prepared even though they aren't what we're looking for," McClusky said.

Mark Yager, a Criminal Justice major at WSU, said that he was there to get information about state and federal bureau

jobs.

Nick Worthley, also a Criminal Justice major at WSU, said "It's best to go to these Career Fairs for information about what kind of jobs are out there."

Along with potential employment, there were also companies at the Career Fair advertising their internship program. The Westfield District Court Probation department, while not hiring for full time employees at this time, was at the career fair to talk about potential internships with students.

They are looking for

candidates with strong people skills, writing skills, and public speaking skills without a criminal record.

There were also colleges and universities there with information about their graduate programs.

For students who missed the career fair, there will be plenty of other opportunities this year to meet employers and stark networking.

The Career Center is hosting the Communication Networking Night on November 1st. There will also be a Career Fair in the spring.



# Senate debate excites Springfield

**Alex Myers**  
Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday October 10, Senator Scott Brown and Elizabeth Warren visited Springfield, MA's Symphony Hall to participate in their third debate.

Surrounded by over 2,000 guests, the candidates appeared on the stage at 7pm and moderator Jim Madigan of WGBY began the questioning.

Responding to the first question about what she plans to do with Massachusetts's unemployment still being under eight percent, challenger Warren said, "It's a serious problem," and said she was surprised when Brown voted against three jobs bills.

In the long term, Warren said, "It's going to be about

making the right investments."

Rebutting his opponent's statement about rejecting the bill, Brown said, "[You] have to read the bill."

Putting all the money in Washington, he said, is not the answer. Instead it needs to go to the communities.

"I supported the president's job bill," Brown said, "because it made sense."

In between the questions, audience members made known their feelings for each candidate. Loud applause for Warren and Brown erupted through the hall, but at the signal by Madigan to simmer down, the crowd was quiet again.

Madigan then asked about the popular controversy surrounding "Obamacare." What should Massachusetts do, he asked, about the high cost of health care?

Brown responding first said, "Health care is something that affects every person and every business in Massachusetts."

The federal bill, referring to the Affordable Care Act passed by Congress in 2010, will raise taxes, Brown said, and cuts 1/4 of a trillion dollars from Medicare, and "that's why I can't support it."

"I believe that everybody should have health care," he continued.

Warren answered back saying that Senator Brown has made it clear that he would try to overturn the Affordable Care Act and get rid of the bill that helps seniors.

An important question for the college students in the crowd was what the candidates would do about the large ex-

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## Editor's Desk



*'Cause online I'm out in Hollywood  
I'm 6'5 and I look damn good  
I drive a Maserati, I'm a black belt in Karate  
And I love a good glass of wine  
- Online by Brad Paisley*

I really don't have anything wise to say about this song except that it's hilarious and you should all go download it right now. I mean, seriously though, who wouldn't want to be Brad Paisley online?

And this song is sort of fitting for us since The Voice is online now! See - it relates!

Anyway, sorry this page is Alex Central - but it is kind of cool having all Alexs on one page! Enjoy the rest of the paper and thanks for reading!

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## BY ALEXANDRA DAVY

I'm sure by now everyone has had at least some exposure to sex in the media.

Whether in movies or in Super Bowl commercials, it's hard to escape.

So why not tastefully embrace our sex drive? Here are some interesting sex facts:

### AVERAGES

The average size of a male's penis is 5 inches erect, and 3 inches flaccid. The largest penis recorded was 13.5 inches erect. However, the world's largest vagina recorded was 19 inches.

In a study conducted between the years of 1999 to 2002, surveys concluded that 29% of men had had sex with 15 or more partners and 9% of women matched the same average. 34% of married couples have sex two or three times a week, and 7% had sex

more than four times a week. Speaking of marriage, 95% of Americans have sex before marriage.

### WORLD RECORDS

The world record for most children born to one woman is 69.

Her name is Feodor Vassilyev born in the 16th century Russia. She gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets, and four sets of quadruplets.

The world record for biggest orgy was 250 couples. It took place in Japan, but even though they all had sex in the same room, each couple only had sex with each other.

Biggest Gangbang was 919 men during Eroticon 2004 with a pornographic actress.

The World's Longest Masturbation was 10 hours. Masanobu Sato attended the

2009 World Masterbate-a-thon in San Francisco. He came all the way from Japan just for the event, and the record he was beating was his own.

The world's oldest father was 90 years old when his son was born, his 21st child. Nanu Ram Jogi boasts he does not want to stop, and plans to continue producing children until he is 100 with his 4th wife.

Hope you enjoyed this brief introduction into the wonderful and fascinating world of sex. Remember to weigh all your options carefully and be sure that it is what you want.

Only have sex with people you know well, and wear protection to prevent unwanted pregnancies and the spread of sexual diseases.

And of course, always remember that "no" means "NO".

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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

*Ramblings from a Noninterventionist*

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



First off, I have to say that being a part of the media mosh pit following the Scott Brown-Elizabeth Warren Senatorial Debate last Wednesday night was pretty awesome.

I had never been to a political debate of this magnitude before, so being in the gallery was a great experience.

Once the debate was over I was able to take part in the media room interviews. Of course my camera battery was giving me problems, but I was still able to capture most of both candidates' interviews on video – go to [www.westfieldvoice.com](http://www.westfieldvoice.com) to check out the interviews and see some of the pictures I took from the debate.

Your most prevalent thought will probably be that I need to get a better camera...

Anyway, being surrounded by journalists from Springfield and Boston that I've seen on TV definitely made me feel like an official member of the press.

Scott Brown's interview was first. He focused on Elizabeth Warren's remarks about cutting military funding and, as you can see in the video, one journalist wanted to push him on the fact that the "Indian issue" wasn't raised for the first time in their series of debates.

After a delay that made certain members of the media pretty angry (I suppose they do have television deadlines to meet), Warren finally came into the media room for her interview.

Warren was accompanied by U.S. Representative Richard Neal (who no one in the media had any interest in hearing from) and she focused on Brown's record regarding women's issues.

Once Warren's interview was complete, she stuck around

for a few minutes to talk to a Wall Street Journal reporter and some of her supporters.

Now, I had met Brown before (and even have a picture with him), but I had never talked to Warren in person, so I figured I'd go up and introduce myself.

At this point in the evening – after a day of preparing for the hour-long debate followed by being mobbed by the media and speaking with dozens of supporters – I'm sure all Warren wanted to do was sit down and get something to eat.

While everything was probably a blur to her by then, she was glad to shake my hand and, after I told her I was a senior at Westfield State, talk for a minute about the issues regarding higher education.

Whether you agree with Warren on all of her positions or not (and I certainly do not), you have to acknowledge that she is truly an intelligent and kind woman. She talked to me like any other person and it's easy to see why she has garnered so much support.

As I said, I've also met Brown before and he too is a very concerned and relatable candidate. Despite their differences (and the loud Springfield Symphony Hall audience clearly showed that partisan attitudes have divided the general public in this election) I truly believe that both Brown and Warren would do a fine job representing Massachusetts in the United States Senate.

While I haven't agreed with every vote Brown has cast, I think if there were more Senators on both sides of the aisle who looked at the bills as closely as he does and were willing to compromise the way he has then we'd have a Senate that

would get a lot more accomplished.

I also think that Warren sincerely cares for middle class families and the average consumer. In other words, I'll take Brown and Warren in the Senate over almost any other Senator currently serving.

This doesn't happen in most races, but I actually like both candidates and would relish seeing the two of them serving in Washington, D.C.

And who knows – in a perfect world (or at least my personal vision of one) John Kerry will be named Secretary of State when Hillary Clinton steps down and both Brown and Warren can serve together. Wouldn't that be something to see?

On a side note, what is it with Massachusetts Governor being the stepping stone to the presidency? Is our state really a microcosm of the United States as a whole?

First Michael Dukakis, then Mitt Romney, and next... Deval Patrick? Patrick has denied that he wants to run in 2016, but after his convention speech in September I find it hard to believe that he's not seriously considering a run for the presidency.

Okay, back to the debate.

The format of this third senatorial debate was interesting to say the least. The candidates were held to strict time limits as the rapid fire format had the candidates jumping from issue to issue before you could catch your breath.

In one sense, it was nice to hear the candidates talk about so many important topics without the political bickering and nonsense. But in another sense, the candidates were essentially giving the same predetermined



Rob Donoghue, Elizabeth Warren and Alex Myers

90 second sound bites that I've heard countless times throughout the campaign.

The debate format left little time for the candidates to actually engage in a debate (as strange as that sounds). It was more stump speech and less discussion or constructive argument than either of the first two debates.

I also thought that Jim Madigan did a tremendous job moderating the debate. He kept the candidates in line without interjecting himself into the conversation.

The same can't be said for Candy Crowley in the latest presidential debate.

While overall I thought Crowley did a satisfactory job moderating the debate, I thought it was completely inappropriate for her to comment on whether or not President Obama had said "act of terror" in his Rose Garden speech the day after the consulate attack in Libya.

Fact-checking is not the job of the moderator. If it was, half of what the two candidates said would need to be addressed or altered during the debate.

The Libya issue is not black and white and the two candidates should have been able to make their respective points without Crowley coming in and saying what "actually" occurred. She didn't correct either candidate during any

other point in the debate and she shouldn't have during this segment either.

Crowley has denied that she was "backtracking" off of her first comment when she added that Mitt Romney was right in saying it took two weeks for the administration to acknowledge that the attack was an act of terrorism and not a protest gone awry, but I personally think Crowley knew that what she had done was wrong and was trying to even things out.

Overall, I give the edge to Obama in this debate. Both candidates danced around a number of questions and found ways to insert their scripted statements into completely off-topic questions.

Romney knew that Obama was going to be much more aggressive in this debate, and I think it caused Romney to come out overly-aggressive in a way that made him look arrogant and condescending toward Crowley.

At the same time, I don't foresee this debate having the same type of impact on the polls that the first debate had. If Obama had performed like this two weeks ago, this race would be entirely different.

While Obama gained some momentum back from this debate, I doubt it will be enough to completely stop Romney's momentum in its tracks.



# Competency and Conservatism: Getting America's fiscal house in order

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

This will be the fourth straight year that the United States government posted a \$1.1 trillion deficit.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the deficit as a share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is somewhere near seven percent. The problems associated with the deficit have helped push the debt held by the public up 5.3% compared to last year. That escalates the percentage of public debt to 73% of the nations GDP.

The nature of the facts listed above is very serious. The Federal Budget Deficit is calculated by taking the difference between what the government spends and the revenue it collects. We currently spend more than we take in, which results in a deficit that continues to add on to our National Debt.

To come up with the federal debt, take the difference between all of the money the government has ever spent and all of the revenue that has ever been collected.

Thankfully the CBO is charged with keeping track of this monstrosity, or else the nations economic health might not be understood. Since it is an election year politicians are currently blanketing the airwaves with their solutions to this crisis. Almost all of them are on the wrong track or can't comprehend basic arithmetic.

Here's the point I'm trying to make: the United States Congress should adopt the proposal put forth by former Republican Senator Allan Simpson of Wyoming and former Chief of Staff to President Clinton Erskine Bowles. If the lackluster congress could agree to pass the plan, the President would be practically forced to sign the bill into law.

The Simpson-Bowles

recommendation reforms many different aspects of the system. The first calls for discretionary spending cuts such as eliminating all congressional earmarks and freezing the congressional pay until 2014. It mandates a 10% reduction in Federal Government jobs by the year 2020.

The most important aspect, according to Recommendation 1.1 of the Fiscal Responsibility Reform Bill, "holds discretionary spending in 2012 to 2011 levels; by 2013, reduces discretionary spending levels to those of 2008. After 2013, increase the spending by half the rate of inflation."

The second area reformed by Simpson-Bowles also does an excellent job at tackling the area of tax reform. All deductions, loopholes, and credits will be eliminated.

The third aspect is in regards to health care, which is in limbo due to the Affordable Care Act. However it suggests making Medicare more efficient

by freezing Medicare payments through 2013, cutting them in 2014, and changing the physician payment formula. This also calls for taming medical malpractice and reducing fraud in the system.

The fourth part puts in place mandatory spending cuts by capping government expenditures and revenues at 21% of GDP. The act requires reducing agricultural subsidies that reinforce anti-competitive behavior in the market.

The fifth concerns Social Security, which happens to be the most hot button issue. This means increasing the retirement age on a scale based on longevity statistics.

Its also vital to raise the contribution ceiling to 90% of taxable wages by 2050; this achieves a net reduction in benefit payments by increasing benefits for lower income beneficiaries and decreasing benefits for higher income people.

The six and final tenet of

the Simpson-Bowles recommendations is political reform. One idea is to adopt triggers for unemployment benefits depending on the current threshold.

So what are the benefits of this plan? Reducing the deficit to 2.2% of GDP by 2014 and cutting \$4 trillion out of the deficit by 2020.

America's future is on the line and we need to try something new. While some of the points emphasized in the recommendation are controversial, it is important to remember that the size of the crisis demands powerful medicine.

Where does the current road lead? It leads to an America where children are not given the opportunity to do better than their parents. It leads towards the abyss of hopelessness and despair.

Our country embodies the ideals that foster greatness, we mustn't give in to failure, it is our patriotic duty to strive for a better America today.

## Scott Brown and Elizabeth Warren fought hard in third debate last week

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her own community college experience growing into a position at Harvard University, this was a topic of concern that was close to Warren's heart.

"We need to make the investments in those community colleges" because they are a good, affordable way for students to get an education, she said, "This is about priorities."

Brown agreed with his opponent, saying, "The cost of education is out of sight. We have done a lot for providing benefits for our students and we need to keep doing that."

Continuing with the topic of education, Madigan asked the candidates what the role of government should be in education.

"I'm very supportive of the new initiatives put forth by the President," Brown said, but mentioned how he did not sup-

port a federal mandate on education.

Warren made clear she was in the race for "our children and grandchildren" and responded to the question saying, "Massachusetts should come up with their own ideas. We need to invest in our children."

Madigan then asked what federal programs each candidate would want to cut if they were to win.

Warren said there needed to be a "balanced approach" and that military and agricultural subsidy funding should be cut and that Medicare and Social Security should be the last ones to go. She also pointed out that a study done about her and Brown's budget plans showed that her plan was 67% more effective at cutting the deficit than Brown's was.

The incumbent was firm on his position on military spending

and said that cutting that budget was a definite no.

The federal government, he said, has already cut half a trillion dollars from the military budget and said there needs to be more resources to protect the servicemen of our country.

In response to not cutting Medicare, Brown said he is against Obamacare because it crushes Massachusetts businesses. Brown did agree with Warren on one point, saying "We need to have a balanced budget."

Madigan then wanted the candidates to express what they think the phrase "middle class" means.

Brown said it has to do with people's incomes and, "It comes down to whose side you're on when you're fighting for the middle class."

In almost agreement, Warren said, "America's middle class has just been getting ham-

pered."

Another important topic of the night was each candidate's view on women's issues.

Getting personal, Brown told a story about how he's been fighting for women's rights since he was six years old. He is pro-choice, he said, supports Roe v. Wade, and agrees that women deserve equal pay on benefits. Brown also fought to restore Planned Parenthood, he said, when the House wanted to strip it.

Warren does not believe in Brown's position, saying multiple times that he had one chance to vote for equal pay and voted no; one chance to vote for a pro-choice woman for the Supreme Court and voted no; and one chance to vote for insurance coverage on birth control and he said no.

Massachusetts needs someone they can count on,

Warren said, "not some of the time, all of the time. Women are entitled to these [rights]."

After an hour of controversial topics and back and forth commentary between the candidates, it was time for closing statements.

First, Brown said, "Being your senator has been the biggest honor I've ever had. This is the time when we need your vote. I'm asking for your vote."

In Warren's two minutes, she said, "For me, this is about our children and our grandchildren. I believe that everybody pays a fair share. I'm asking for your vote so together we can create a future for our children and grandchildren."

For behind the scenes footage with Warren and Brown, check out [www.westfieldvoice.com](http://www.westfieldvoice.com) and see what each candidate had to say.

By, Alex Myers

# Liberalism Today: Improvement on entitlement reforms needed to lower deficit

**Ryan Merceri**  
Voice Reporter

Recently, there's been a lot of talk about the debt and how it is burdening my generation and the generation below me with a huge amount of money we will have to pay back.

For anyone who doesn't know, the debt stands at over 16 trillion dollars. Certainly that's a ton of money. The question of how we deal with that debt is one of the critical questions in the election this year.

There are two sides to the argument. The first is to raise taxes on the richest Americans, thereby raising revenues to pay down the debt. The second is to cut spending.

Here's the problem. Neither side is willing to say that neither plan works on its own.

The debt is too massive to be paid down by enacting just one plan. There needs to be myriad solutions to this problem to solve it.

The President is hampered by Republicans who signed a

pledge not to raise taxes. However, it is equally true he is dealing with Democrats unwilling to concede entitlement reform.

The President, for his part, is willing to put entitlement reform on the table but has not released a concrete plan on what that entails, and additionally refuses to put reform on the table unless it comes with a tax increase to the wealthiest Americans.

Now, given my rants about entitlement and unions, it might be a shocking revelation for readers to find out I am for entitlement reform.

I do believe we need to reform the system. However, I, like President Obama, am for increases on the wealthy.

So what is to be done? There are a lot of options. Not all of them may work, yet to do nothing is the epitome of all that is wrong with our government.

First and foremost, close the loopholes that gave big oil and big agro tax rebates last year. Doesn't anyone else find it insane that these companies paid virtually nothing in taxes?

Additionally, increase the penalties on companies that violate regulations, so that the government gets more out of those penalties and companies will be pushed harder to stop violating regulations.

The federal income tax rate also needs to increase on the wealthy, but by more than 3% in my opinion.

In the fifties, under Eisenhower, that great liberal democrat (just kidding guys, he was a moderate republican), tax rates for the wealthy were hovering at 90%. Capital gains were at 25%. Right now the tax rate is in the mind-thirties. To think that somehow, low tax rates equate with an increase in job creation is sheer fallacy.

Eisenhower was president during arguably the best economic time in American history, and the taxes were at their highest. In this particular area, the president, I think, is too soft.

That being said, entitlement reform is also critical. We need to come up with a way to fix entitlements such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Se-

curity.

First, Medicare's growth rate in expenses is slower than that of the private insurers, so government is obviously doing something right. What ultimately needs to be done is this: Scrap Obamacare and extend Medicare to everyone.

Couple Medicare with incentives, such as lower rates for people who are in excellent shape or who eat the right food.

Medicare for all will drive down the cost of private insurers because they will have to compete with the government or offer better care, either of which would be a win for the consumer.

Social security either a) needs more to be paid into it or b) have the retirement age raised.

Now, anyone crying "socialist communist Marxist!" I assure you that is not the case.

This is capitalism at its simplest form: invest in worker capital, and gain financial stability in return.

One of the fundamental pieces of American capitalism

has been a well-trained workforce and fairness. These are not meaningless "handouts" but rather investments to be repaid and then some.

Finally, cut the military budget. We spend more than the next seventeen countries combined, according to most independent examiners. Is that really necessary? Do we need more soldiers, more ships, and more fighter-jets? Do we want to go fight more meaningless wars?

I certainly do not. There's no need for such a bloated, waste-encrusted military budget. It was Eisenhower who warned the American people against such a thing.

I recognize the need for entitlement reform. But that does not mean we have to cut the programs. It means we have to improve them. There are numerous ways to do that. Yet a critical part of the American dream is fairness.

How can Republicans advocate for cutting entitlements while refusing to raise taxes on the super-rich? Isn't that a hand-out in and of itself?

## 10 Flu Myths from Harvard Medical School Publications

If you've ever had the flu, you know how sick you can be. There seems to be no shortage of misinformation and bad advice when it comes to dealing with the flu.

Here are 10 common myths about the flu:

1. You can catch the flu from the vaccine.

The vaccine is made from an inactivated virus that can't transmit infection. So people who get sick after receiving a flu vaccination were going to get sick anyway. It takes a week or two to get protection from the vaccine.

2. Healthy people don't need to be vaccinated.

It's true that the flu vaccination is routinely recommended for people who have a chronic illness. But anyone — even healthy folks — can benefit from being vaccinated. Current guidelines suggest that children ages 6 months to 19 years old, pregnant women, and anyone over age 49 be vaccinated each year.

3. Getting the flu vaccination is all you need to do to protect yourself from the flu.

There are a number of steps you can take to protect yourself during flu season besides vaccination. Avoid contact with people who have the flu, wash your hands frequently, and consider taking antiviral medications if you were

exposed to the flu before being vaccinated.

4. The flu is just a bad cold.

Influenza may cause bad cold symptoms. But in the United States alone, 36,000 people die and more than 200,000 are hospitalized each year because of the flu.

5. You can't spread the flu if you're feeling well.

Actually, 20% to 30% of people carrying the influenza virus have no symptoms.

6. You don't need to get a flu shot every year.

The influenza virus changes each year. So getting vaccinated each year is important to make sure you have

immunity to the strains most likely to cause an outbreak.

7. You can catch the flu from going out in cold weather without a coat, with wet hair or by sitting near a drafty window.

The only way to catch the flu is by being exposed to the influenza virus. Flu season coincides with the cold weather so people often associate the flu with a cold, drafty environment. But, they are not related.

8. Feed a cold, starve a fever.

If you have the flu (or a cold) and a fever, you need more fluids. There's little reason to increase or decrease how much you eat. Though you may have no appetite, "starving" yourself will accomplish little.

9. Chicken soup will speed your recovery from the flu.

Hot liquids can soothe a sore throat and provide much needed fluids, but chicken soup has no other specific qualities that can help fight the flu.

10. If you have a high fever with the flu that lasts more than a day or two, antibiotics may be necessary.

Antibiotics work well against bacteria, but they aren't effective for a viral infection like the flu.

The flu is a good example of how medical myths can get in the way of good medical care. When it's flu season, take the necessary steps to stay healthy. That includes separating fact from myth.



## A&E Quick Info

### Top 10 Singles

1. Maroon 5 - One More Night
2. PSY - Gangnam Style
3. One Direction - Live While We're Young
4. fun. - Some Nights
5. Taylor Swift - We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together
6. Taylor Swift - Red
7. Justin Bieber - As Long As You Love Me
8. Adele - Skyfall
9. P!nk - Blow Me (One Last Kiss)
10. Alex Clare - Too Close

### Top Movies

1. Taken 2
2. Argo
3. Sinister
4. Hotel Transylvania
5. Here Comes the Boom

### Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Savages
2. Take This Waltz
3. First Position
4. Your Sister's Sister
5. 360

### Top Albums

1. Mumford & Sons - Babel
2. Muse - The 2nd Law
3. Miguel - Kaleidoscope Dream
4. P!nk - The Truth About Love
5. Three Days Grace - Transit of Venus
6. Diana Krall - Glad Rag Doll
7. Jackie Evancho - Songs From The Silver Screen
8. Little Big Town - Tornado

## “Samsara” has a clear message and mesmerizing landscapes

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

“Samsara” is a word of Eastern origin, literally meaning “continuous flow”.

In religion, including but not limited to Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism, it refers to the infinite cycle of birth, life, death, and rebirth – and all the experiences contained within.

So, it is proper that the latest film from director Ron Fricke be called “Samsara”, as it isn’t telling a simple character based story, it’s an album of life on Earth in the 21st century.

“Samsara” is a film without a narrative. There is no plot, there are no characters, there isn’t even a narrator – it is only a compilation of images and music.

Fricke spent four years traveling the world, going to 25 different countries getting footage from locations as wide ranging as Mecca, to the Los Angeles YMCA.

What has come out of that global trip is an emotional journey, a time capsule of human

civilization and of Earth itself as of 2012.

If this sounds boring to you, then you’d probably be right to skip it. But if the general idea is intriguing, then it will be a powerful and unique experience.

Immediately, “Samsara” greets its audience with vibrant, beautiful landscapes.

The colors of this movie pop and glow like few other films do. One of the earliest sequences is of molten lava flowing from the edge of a volcano.

The reds, yellows, and oranges illuminate the screen and become mesmerizing. Like some cartoon villain with a spinning color wheel, “Samsara” can trap you in a daze.

At one moment you’re standing in a vast desert, and the next you’re soaring over a city at night, watching the cars speed down the highway.

What “Samsara” succeeds at is saying things without using words. Even though it is a spiritual film, “Samsara” is also political.

One sequence in the middle goes from showing a wom-



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an being prepared to go into plastic surgery, but before the scalpels are pulled out, Fricke cuts to the manufacturing of sex dolls, showing a long line of plastic, nude, headless female bodies.

Right after that, he moves on to a slaughterhouse, where chickens are kept locked in cages without room to move, and

cows are chained and hooked up to automatic milking machines. Not a word is spoken, yet the message couldn’t be clearer.

“Samsara” captures all sides of the world - nature and civilization, urban and tribal, war and peace, pain and joy. After it’s all over, it feels like it just began.

Grade: A-

## Legally Blond “one of the largest scale productions” yet

**Dani Collette**  
Voice Reporter

Lights up on a very pink Dever Stage. It’s that time of year again. The Musical Theatre Guild, more affectionately known as MTG, is putting up their annual fall musical production.

Directed by Dan Monopoli and Libby Boland, this year’s show is the pop production, Legally Blonde: The Musical, based on the 2001 blockbuster of the same title.

It tells the story of sorority queen Elle Woods, a blonde

bombshell who enrolls at Harvard University in order to win back her ex-boyfriend Warner.

In the process, she finds that maybe the best way to get where you need to be is to find your own way. That is a topic more than befitting of a club like MTG.

The road to Legally Blonde has definitely been a long one for the club. With a cast of over thirty students, Legally Blonde is easily one of the largest scale productions the club has ever taken on.

In less than two months, this dedicated cast and crew has worked through every pos-

sible set back, every bump in the road, and has come out on the other side triumphant. This production is sure to be a turning point for the club, one of the best in recent memory.

That is easy to believe while sitting in on a rehearsal and watching such dedicated people work.

With a group of seasoned MTG performers and crew working both in front of and behind the scenes, it would suffice to say that if there were such a thing as a musical theatre “dream team,” this cast would comprise it.

The explosive choreog-

raphy and challenging music is taxing on any performer, but the cast of Legally Blonde takes it all in stride. Whatever it takes, they will do it. That is the kind of cast and crew that directors would kill for.

Opening on Thursday, October 25th at 7:30 pm on Dever Stage, Legally Blonde: The Musical is sure to be nothing short of an incredible production.

Other show dates include: October 26th at 7:30 pm, and October 27th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$6 for general admission.

# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

**Pelé - Born October 23, 1940**



Awarded the title of Player of the Century by FIFA, Pelé's impeccable career as Brazil's "King of Football" is unrivaled among the myths of the world's most popular game. Pelé joined his first professional football (soccer) club, Santos, at the ripe age of 15, remaining the cornerstone of the team for over 18 years and scoring 1,281 goals in the process, a record-breaking achievement. He first gained international prominence in 1958, when the Brazil national team Seleção won the World Cup on the

strength of his six goals in the tournament. The local celebrity truly became a world-class superstar 12 years later, when Brazil steamrolled over its competitors at the 1970 World Cup in Mexico under Pelé's leadership. After breaking records in Brazil, Pelé took a short-lived retirement in 1974 before signing with the North American Soccer League's New York Cosmos in a high-profile attempt to popularize soccer in America. He won yet another championship, this time for his new team, in 1977 before officially retiring in the same year. Since then, Pelé has contributed the positivity of his public image to campaigns for UNICEF and the UN, promoting Brazil worldwide and retaining his status as the most revolutionary football player of the past 100 years.

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**"Black Thursday" - October 24, 1929**

The Stock Market officially crashed on this day in 1929 marked as "Black Thursday," when the decade of decadence known as the "Roaring '20s" came to a screeching halt and investors saw their stocks dip to their lowest point in over 30 years. The problem was not unlike the recent mortgage loan scandal which left millions of Americans in debt in 2008; brokers, seeing the success of the market over the decade, were hazardingly lending stocks at two-thirds their face value to small investors. This method of margin buying meant that loans were nearly impossible to pay off. Within the first hour of trading on October 24, 1929, the entirety of stock market funds saw an 11% loss in value, which prompted bankers

to scramble for a solution to the chaotic scene on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Bankers from Morgan Bank, Chase National Bank, and the National City Bank of New York contributed funds toward a solution that prevented the Panic of 1907 from becoming a depression. Their idea entailed the purchase of a large chunk of U.S. Steel's stock at a price exceeding the current market. The gamble worked, but only temporarily, as the stock market opened the next week in full-fledged hysteria on what is termed "Black Monday." Over \$30 billion in assets would be lost in two days, and the Great Depression would begin to take its full effect over the impoverishment of American lives in the next 12 years.

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**Jack Kerouac - Died October 21, 1969**

Born in Lowell, Massachusetts on March 12, 1922, writer Jack Kerouac's legacy as the voice of a generation has not waned in the years since the publication of his seminal novel, *On the Road*. Despite being raised in the destitute conditions of Lowell at the time, Kerouac benefited from a strong family nucleus provided by his French-Canadian immigrant parents. Tragedy struck hard as a child when his older brother and mentor Gerard died of rheumatic fever, negatively affecting Kerouac's psyche forever. Kerouac left home to attend a prep school in Brooklyn at age 17, where he discovered city life and began writing short stories for the school's newspaper. Later, Kerouac enlisted in the Army before being discharged after ten days due to schizophrenic tendencies. He returned



to New York City jaded and confused, but found solace in a group of writers that would later become voices for a jilted age group known as "the Beat Generation." His first novel was published to lukewarm reception in 1950, and he waited six years until his follow-up, *On the Road*, was published in 1957 to critical bombast. The novel spurred his career to a short climax, despite numerous works to follow, and Kerouac's alcohol-fueled later years led to his eventual death in 1969.

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## Book review: "The Coming Anarchy"

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

Normally, I wouldn't recommend or even review some non-fiction books that are based around current events such as a financial crisis or the Iraq War, due to their quick aging, but "The Coming Anarchy," by Robert D. Kaplan, is going to be the exception to this rule.

Coming out in 2000, the book is a collection of Essays by Kaplan on the matters of international re-

lations and world affairs, most of which concern the US and its relations and interventions around the globe (remember this was before September 11).

Included in the book are essays on several topics, including a defense of the role of intelligence, an intriguing critique of world peace, and an incredibly interesting essay on the third world and the effectiveness of foreign efforts and aid.

In particular, his comments on the middle-east are at times prophetic of the world we live in today,

and the observations he makes still apply today, which is why I still recommend this book after 12 years.

If you don't get the book, I would recommend looking at some of Kaplan's articles (the internet is a wonderful thing), you might get a better understanding of the world we live in, especially in our globalizing world.

Finally, and most importantly, it makes you think about the world, and it challenges you.

That is something that is timeless, and incredibly difficult to find.  
7 out of 10.

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## Worcester State and Becker College introduced to the Liz Hall show

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owls field hockey team has been enjoying a great season, led by senior captain Liz Hall.

Hall scored five goals in two games last week, and helped lead the Owls to an 8-0 victory over Becker College and a 2-1 overtime thriller against Worcester State.

The Owls are 9-4 this season and 5-3 in conference play and look to make a strong run in the conference tournament later in the season. In the 8-0 dismantling of Becker College, Westfield ripped off 12 shots, 10 of which were on target.

Hall scored four goals in the game. The physical play of



*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Liz Hall continued her stellar play with the game-winning goal in the Owls' 2-1 overtime victory at Worcester State.

the Owls and the great goal-tending of Khrystyna Mitchell were the keys in the victory, as Becker had little chance to score

in the game.

Last Saturday, Westfield came from behind to defeat Worcester State in overtime,

and once again, Hall was the story as she scored the game winning goal just two minutes and thirty-five seconds into

overtime.

The goal was Hall's eighth of the season and she is now tied for the team lead in goals with junior Sarah Pliszka. Pliszka also had a goal in the game that was assisted by Hall.

New head coach Jessica Bergen took over this season for Heather Cabral, who was the head coach of the Owls field hockey team for the last 13 years.

In her last year as coach, she led Westfield to a 12-7 record. Coach Bergen should have no problem beating last year's record with this team having the one-two punch of Hall and Pliszka.

Come support the Owls field hockey team on October 23 as they face Mount Holyoke College at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

## Westfield football loses top two running backs in loss to Coast Guard

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday, the Westfield State Owls football team returned home coming off a great win in which they scored 63 points against Maine Maritime.

The Owls knew they would be facing a formidable opponent in the Coast Guard Academy, a team that has a prolific offensive attack. However, something the Owls were not expecting was the return of Coast Guard's top running back.

Right before the game, sophomore running back Jake Wawrzyniak was cleared to play after missing most of last week's game with an injury.

Wawrzyniak showed very early in the game that he was healthy and gave the Bears a more balanced offensive attack.

The sophomore carried the ball 32 times for 117 yards

and two touchdowns, which helped lead the Bears to a 31-27 victory over the Owls.

While the Bears were aided by the return of their starting running back, the Owls lost both of their top running backs in the game.

Michael Mercadante, who has been huge for Westfield this year, hurt his ankle late in the first half and did not return. When he was in the game Mercadante was only able to run for 26 yards on nine carries, but he did have a two-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

With Mercadante injured, Coach Marino went to backup running back Andrew Buanno.

Buanno made his presence known in the second quarter when he returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown, which featured some great blocking by fellow return man Kevin Parnell.

The touchdown was one of two on the day for Buanno, as he had added a rushing touchdown in the third quarter.

But unfortunately for the Owls, Buanno also left the game with an injury in the third quarter, and the Owls were forced to go to their third-string running back Joshua Trainque.

With the injuries affecting the running game, Westfield was forced to throw the ball more than they would have hoped to.

Freshman quarterback Erik Washburn failed to get into a groove in the game, throwing for 206 yards on 15-28 passing with one touchdown thrown and two interceptions. Of his 206 yards through the air, 129 went to Parnell.

Parnell had a big game, catching seven balls including a huge 49-yard catch to set up an Owls score in the first quarter. Parnell's ability to extend the play by getting yards after the catch was crucial in this game.

Defensively, the Owls were helped by some big plays from linebackers Dan Dowling and Justin Ehrhardt.

Ehrhardt had 14 tackles

in the game and a key interception. The defensive line played well by forcing Coast Guard into some rushed plays, as Cam Wilcox, a defensive lineman, caught an interception on a screen pass late in the game.

Senior defensive lineman Chris Walker also had a nice game coming off an injury that forced him to miss the last couple of games.

Coast Guard's offense was led by a potent rushing attack, but also got a strong game from quarterback Jon Resch, who threw for 210 yards and two touchdowns. His main target on the day was Casey Paris, who caught eight passes for 106 yards and the eventual game-winning touchdown late in the fourth.

Westfield had a chance to try to win the game late in the fourth after the Coast Guard missed a field goal, but the Owls Hail Mary pass did not prevail.

With the loss, Westfield fell to 2-5 on the season (1-3 in conference play) while the

Bears improved to 3-3 on the season.

This week's game is on Saturday, October 17 at 12 p.m. against Framingham State. The Rams are 6-1 this year and are the best team in the conference.

Last week Framingham beat Maine Maritime 56-0. The Rams offensively are led by junior running back Melikke Van Alstyne, who has rushed for 890 yards and 10 scores this year.

He averages 127 yards per game. If that isn't enough, their quarterback Matthew Silva has thrown for 10 touchdowns and 997 yards this season.

The Owls need to watch out for James Muirhead on the defensive side, who has 51 tackles and four sacks this year.

For the Owls to win this game, they need to have Mercadante be healthy and establish a good running attack to limit the pressure on Washburn. Parnell also needs to have another good game if Westfield wants to compete with the top team in the conference.

## Kayley Miller sets scoring record in women's soccer rout of RIC

### WSU Athletic Department

Senior standout Kayley Miller (Ludlow) scored two goals and set the school single-season scoring record to power the undefeated Westfield State University women's soccer team to a 6-0 victory over Rhode Island College in a non-conference game on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 16.

Westfield is now 14-0-1 as it set a school record for consecutive victories in a sea-

son with 10. The Owls re-set a school record by registering their seventh consecutive shut-

the single-season scoring mark. Miller now has 44 points (18 goals, 8 assists) this season. She

*Miller ranks fifth nationally with eight game-winning goals this season.*

out; they have allowed just six goals in 14 games.

Miller scored the game-winning goal in the 12th minute to tie the record and her second goal in the 60th minute to break

had shared the previous single-season record of 42 points with Meg Gearin.

In addition, Miller is one shy of Westfield's single season record for goals (Gearin scored

19 goals in 2009) and two points shy of the career scoring record. Miller has 114 career points, trailing Sandy Pinto (Class of 1998), a Ludlow native who is being inducted in the Westfield State Athletics Hall of Fame this Friday.

Miller also ranks fifth nationally with eight game-winning goals this season.

The other half of the M&M Girls from Ludlow – senior forward Brittanie McGregor – tallied five points vs. Rhode Island College with a goal and three

assists. McGregor is Westfield's second leading scorer with 29 points (9 goals, 11 assists) and moved into 10th place on the Owls' all-time scoring list with 70 points.

The Owls led 3-0 at half-time with goals from Miller, Colie Sambrook and McGregor and two assists by senior Colleen Bazinet.

Scoring second-half goals were Ashleigh Chretien and Courtney Wood. Westfield outshot RIC (2-10 record) by a wide margin, 34-7.

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# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

*By: Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



The Baltimore Ravens organization might be on their way to life without Ray Lewis.

This past Sunday, the future first ballot Hall of Famer suffered torn triceps on his right arm in the fourth quarter of a 31-29 Ravens win over the flustered Cowboys.

Baltimore football returned in 1996 when owner Art Modell moved the Cleveland Browns to the Charm City.

As the franchise was reestablishing itself, the front office decided to draft Miami line-backer Ray Lewis with the 26th overall pick.

While Baltimore football was reborn, so was the emerging star in Ray Lewis.

In 1996, nobody could have scripted or predicted the success Lewis would have over the next 17 seasons.

Today, nobody, including Ray Lewis, knows what the fu-

ture has in store for him.

If the 37-year-old was to call it a career, we will look back at his illustrious career four years from now when Canton, Ohio's Pro Football Hall of Fame welcomes Lewis into their facility as one of the greatest defensive talents ever.

The former Miami Hurricane has earned 2,050 total tackles, 41.5 sacks, 31 interceptions, while causing 19 fumbles. Lewis also made the Pro Bowl 13 times, was a two-time AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year and the MVP of Super Bowl XXXV.

In his 228 games, Lewis has consistently maintained an elite level of play.

Always looking to better himself, Lewis took the initiative this season to once again reinvent himself, dropping 20 pounds to gain more speed as

he approaches the age of 40.

In what could be his final season, Lewis has already claimed 57 total tackles, tallying 15 against Dallas this past week.

Lewis has been playing for so long that college students today haven't seen the game played without him.

His durability is unfathomable as he has played in 87 percent of the games while a part of the Ravens at the most violent position in sports.

Lewis has single handedly built a culture of hard-nosed football in Baltimore that will transcend years beyond his playing days.

Next fall, Lewis' son, Ray Lewis III, will be entering his freshman year at his alma mater, the University of Miami, to pursue a football career of his own.

Many believe this could



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Ray Lewis may have played his final game in the NFL.

push the All-Pro linebacker towards retirement so he can watch his son play.

Regardless of what happens next fall, with Ray Lewis

coming back to play or hanging it up, his impact on the league, the linebacker position and football in the city of Baltimore will forever go unmatched.



## Upcoming WSU Home Games



**Saturday, October 20**

Women's Soccer vs. Framingham State @ 11:00 a.m.

Football vs. Framingham State @ 2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 23**

Field Hockey vs. Mount Holyoke College @ 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 24**

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### Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Is there someone in your life that you depend upon more than anyone else? This would be a good week to give back to them in return for all that they do for you.

### Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

A sort of sixth sense will guide you this week. Your intuition is a powerful thing. Listen to it, and amazing things can happen in your romantic life.

### Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Message to your past self now from your future self: Keep doing whatever you are doing, as you are what will make me, whatever I am.

### Capricorn (December 21 – January 20)

From beginning to end, you will want to be aware during chance encounters with people you are acquaintances with this week. A brief window of opportunity may open up for you.

### Aquarius (January 21 – February 19)

God hates you. At least that's what you might think at times. Yet this is a lie, and you have nothing to fear. There are much greater matters for the universe to attend to this week than your troubles, and you should be grateful for that.

### Pisces (Feb. 20 – March 20)

Dolphins are your spirit animal this week, regardless of the past. Know that you must sometimes swim with the currents and rise to both the currents and the occasion.

### Aries (March 21 – April 20)

Are you feeling depressed? Feeling bad about yourself? Wondering about your place in this universe that may amount to nothing at all in the end anyway? Try not to feel that way and remove those thoughts from your head this week.

### Taurus (April 21 – May 21)

The means you use to get the material possessions you wish to acquire will mean everything this week, and will be the ultimate test of your character.

### Gemini (May 22 – June 21)

True determination will guide you to accomplish all of your endeavors this week, and you will feel as though a whirlwind is behind you, pushing you forward if only you want it to.

### Cancer (June 22 – July 22)

Master the fear that constantly invades your life and tries to paralyze you from surviving in this harsh world. So long as you have hope, you will not fail.

### Leo (July 23 – August 23)

Race your way to the end of your life and you will regret not stopping to smell the roses and even the manure that exists in the world. There are so many experiences to be had, get as many as you can.

### Virgo (August 24 – September 22)

This is the first day of the rest of today, and nothing more. Live for today and the world won't let you down. If it does, maybe your actions weren't the right ones.



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*Friday*

8 a.m. - 5p.m.

*Saturday*

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

*Sunday*

1 p.m. - 12 a.m.

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# The Westfield Voice

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## 2013 Commencement rumors put to rest

**Samantha Fahey**  
Editor-in-Chief

Various rumors and miscommunications have been circulating about the 2013 graduation date and time.

Over the summer, postcards from the University were sent to seniors with the date of the Commencement ceremony listed for Saturday, May 18th. According to Dean of Undergraduate Studies Marsha Marotta, these cards were sent out prematurely.

Traditionally, Marotta said, the graduation is the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend. Ideally, she said, the school was hoping to hold the ceremony Saturday the 18th at 3p.m., which would be the same as last year.

However, there was already an event booked on location for that Saturday so the school, "took what we thought was the next best option," Marotta said. Instead, she continued, the school picked a time that would be easiest, "even though Friday was not our first choice. We would have preferred Saturday."

The venue hosts a variety of events during that busy timeframe and some are annual contracted dates," said

Global Spectrum's Matt Hollander, General Manager of the MassMutual Center. "That particular Saturday had already been reserved by another party."

There is one thing that has remained constant: the ceremony is taking place at the MassMutual Center.

Despite contractual rumors - though there is a contract for 2013, according to Hollander - the reason for holding graduation at the MassMutual Center, both last year and this year, Marotta said, is the construction.

She continued, "Our campus is beautiful and we love it, but we simply didn't have a choice. It's not easy to find a venue large enough for the Westfield State students and guests."

So while the school did look elsewhere for places to hold the ceremony, Marotta said that, "the MassMutual Center was a good fit for us in terms of the size."

Last year, the school tried to bring as much of WSU to the ceremony as they could, by bringing a banner that had the campus green and the globe on

it to hang as a backdrop.

It was standing room only last year, and no tickets were handed out or sold to students. However, for this year, the school is in contact with the MassMutual Center about selling tickets because so many people could pose a fire hazard.

"It's our goal to not have to [hand out tickets]," Marotta said, but if tickets were necessary, it would be open seating and not assigned seating.

This year, like last year, there will be a large screen or two set up where student mes-

sages to their parents will be shown, and, according to Marotta, every seat has a good view of both the screens and the stage.

"Everybody loved it at MassMutual Center last year," Marotta said. "It was a beautiful ceremony."

Other universities that have held graduations at the MassMutual Center include Springfield College and Springfield Technical Community College.

Hollander said that WSU commencements were held for the first time in May of 2012 at the MassMutual Center. However, according to David Doe, a professor in WSU's biology department, "Commencements were held in the MassMutual Center, formerly the Civic Center, in the 1970s and '80s."

Graduation rehearsal for the class of 2013 will be on Friday, May 10th in the Woodward Center.

As of right now, the MassMutual Center's website states that WSU's graduation is at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 17th while WSU's website has the time as 6 p.m.

While there may still be some miscommunication, both the time, date, and student opinions - as stated in last week's edition of the Westfield Voice - are very clear.



*photo by Mary Zagula*

Westfield State's Women's Rugby team played Trinity College last weekend, winning 15 - 10 and successfully holding onto their undefeated status.

### Useful Phone Numbers:

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Sat - 10:00am-6:00pm

# Quick Hits

## Friday, October 26

11:00 a.m.  
It Get's Better  
Loughman Living Room

11:00p.m.  
Brown Bag Bingo  
Ely Main Lounge

## Saturday, October 27

12:00p.m.  
Men's Soccer vs.  
Bridgewater State  
Alumni Field

2:00p.m.  
Legally Blonde  
Dever Stage

7:30p.m.  
Mind Reader  
Loughman Living Room

## Sunday, October 28

7:30p.m.  
Halloween Movie  
Ely Main Lounge

## Westfield State University Campus Police Log

September 30, 2012 to October 6, 2012

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION
9/30/12	0051	Malicious vandalism Damage to window	Apt Complex
9/30/12	0215	Stop sign violation OUI Liquor	Commuter Lot
9/30/12	2154	Suspicious Activity College policy viol. (drugs)	Apt Complex
10/1/12	0117	College policy viol. (drugs)	Courtney Hall
10/1/12	2337	Suspicious person Male observed looking in windows Disturbing the peace Trespass	Dickinson, Davis Hall
10/2/12	1300	Rape Under investigation	Scanlon Hall
10/3/12	1942	Suspicious activity Heavy smell of marijuana	Davis Hall
10/4/12	1556	College policy viol. (Alcohol)	Courtney Hall
10/4/12	1812	College policy viol. (Alcohol)	Lammers Hall
10/4/12	1835	College policy viol. (Alcohol)	Davis Hall
10/5/12	2222	Suspicious person Non-student trespassed	Davis Hall

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Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



# SGA meets with President Dobelle

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

President Evan Dobelle came to the Student Government Association's meeting on October 23, 2012 to take questions from the Senate.

Dobelle spoke about topics such as the Political Convocation, renovations around campus, the construction of University Hall and the tobacco policy.

SGA President Stephanie Close spoke about the open forum that took place on October 19 that spoke about PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) and what "college readi-

ness" means.

There will be a survey provided to all students about their opinions on PARCC.

The Geography and Regional Planning department will be holding a movie night in Ely on October 30th.

They ask for each student attending to bring one non-perishable item to be donated to the local food bank.

There is an interest meeting for a Multicultural Committee on November 17th at 5pm in Wilson 116.

The Musical Theatre Guild will be putting on *Legal Blonde* the Musical Thursday October 25th through Saturday October 28th.

Each night will have a 7:30 pm showing with a mati-

nee show on Saturday at 1pm. Admission for Westfield students is \$2.

Brandon Burr, the President of the Class of 2013, spoke about Senior Night on October 26th, 2012 from 9-12.

This will be a Halloween themed event for those who are 21+.

The senior class is selling Westfield State calendars for \$5, if you are interested in buying one you may contact the Class of 2013's e-mail.

This month the Class of 2014 will be selling tickets for their President's Parking Space fundraiser.

SGA Meetings are every Tuesday at 5:30 in the Loughman Living Room in Scanlon Hall.

# Op-ed: Student ponders pasta's existence

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

I don't think there are other kinds of pasta. I mean, if there are, I wouldn't know about them. I'm just guessing based on the illusions of pasta that I think exist on the shelves of the grocery store where I work.

My friends tell me that other kinds exist too. Their dining commons stock all sorts of pasta, I guess.

They tell me of an S-shaped, spirally kind of pasta called gemelli; large, short tubes called ditalini; diagonally cut tubes called penne, even some with lines called penne rigate; but I don't believe them because I've never seen them before.

Tim and Jeanne would

never lie to me and serve me pasta that doesn't exist!

They serve the hungry students of Westfield State University ziti because it is the only pasta that exists, obviously.

Maybe these "other kinds of pasta" are expensive. After all, we only pay \$3,433 for 19 meals, so that could be it.

Or, maybe it's because nobody that works in the Dining Commons has heard of other kinds of pasta, either. That's got to be it.

Or, it's a conspiracy against healthy foods. Pasta is one of the healthier foods that a student can eat at the Dining Commons.

Pasta, rich in vitamins and nutrients, is a staple food for many athletes and health junkies around the world

Nobody here is saying

that they don't serve pasta, or that the pasta they do serve is some sub-standard pasta that just tears your insides, but variety in that staple food is what's necessary.

Let's be frank in admitting that the selection at the Dining Commons is not very unique.

If you get excited when they offer a baked potato bar in the Specialty line, then you're just not walking over to the Pasta bar where they have the potatoes and walking to the condiment area where you can find the sour cream, and the salad bar where you can find the cheese or bacon.

The argument I pose is merely for the shaking it up of the different kinds of pasta offered. Everybody has a favorite kind of pasta, and trust me, mine is not ziti.

# Coffey Break

## Alumni Edition

by Kylie Coffey



**Name:** Ben Coleman

**Graduated:** 2012

**Hometown:** Mansfield, MA

**Major:** Psychology

1. What do you miss most about college?  
Pancakes with the President.
2. What was your favorite class at Westfield?  
ABA with Professor Joey Reyes
3. If you could do college all over again, what would you do differently?  
Be student of the week.
4. Subway, Pandini's, or The Grille?  
Chicken Parm at the DC actually.
5. What is life after college like?  
Expensive.
6. Who was your favorite professor at WSU?  
Bob Hayes.
7. Do you have a job yet?  
Yes. I am a research assistant at Harvard.
8. What is your favorite quote?  
"And on Wednesdays, we wear pink!"

*If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*



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# Liberalism Today: The Vanishing Moderate

Ryan Merceri  
Voice Reporter

It's no secret: I am a liberal. However, I am also a realist. I understand that not everything happens overnight, and that it takes time to rally people to your cause. This is why when it comes to presidents, even though I am a liberal, I tend to like my Presidents to be moderate pragmatists.

Congress is full of people who are way to the left or way to the right. In the words of one of my professors, "some of these guys are literally crazy people."

It is the President's job to moderate and create compromise. I know that word is blasphemy in today's political atmosphere, but bear with me.

I want to talk about the nation's greatest President, Abraham Lincoln, and what he can teach President Obama and candidate Romney.

Lincoln took office in 1861, already taking the reins of a nation that had split. The country Lincoln had grown up in was falling apart before his very eyes, disintegrating into chaos.

There was still hope though. Kentucky, Missouri and Maryland, all slave states, had not yet left the Union.

Lincoln was determined to hold them, knowing if he lost them the Union cause was lost. He tread a careful line in regards to slavery, arguing that he wouldn't touch slavery where it existed, but refused to let it spread. This wasn't good enough for most slave states, who promptly voted for succession after Lincoln was elected.

His Republican colleagues urged Lincoln to denounce slavery, but Lincoln was pragmatic.

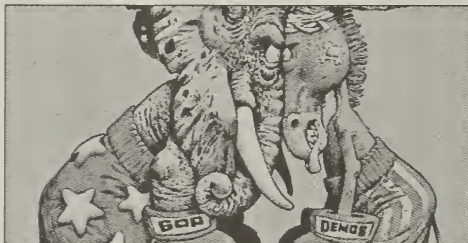


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He knew he couldn't abolish slavery without losing Maryland, Kentucky, and Missouri.

It was with this in mind that he did not include those three states in the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves in rebelling states.

Lincoln also sought to turn enemies into allies. William Seward and Salmon Chase, both of whom had run against him in the Republican Primary, would go on to be cabinet members.

Despite his cabinet members not getting along, Lincoln's dynamic personality held it together.

When the Civil War was over, Lincoln struck a careful balance, determined to ensure the freedom of the newly freed African-American slaves, but also determined to not foster more resentment in the South by being cruel.

Lincoln was an idealist; his ideal was America, and he did whatever he had to do to ensure its survival. Lincoln's challenge, in my opinion, was far graver and more challenging than the President's. The president has to learn from Lincoln's example. He needs to be more compassionate and conciliatory towards the Republicans.

That doesn't mean giving in to Republican demands.

When it comes to the Bush era tax cuts, for example, there can be no surrender.

What I am really saying is that he needs to be more understanding of what it is the Republicans want, and try to reason with them.

They are the party who freed the slaves, that began to set aside land for preservation, and it was a Republican president, Eisenhower, who ordered the National Guard to ensure desegregation took place in Arkansas schools. He needs to seek out the moderates (yes, they're still there, hiding beneath all the crazy), and get them back to the center.

The American people like change. We like progress. But for many Americans, it needs to be slow.

My great-grandparents, God bless them, couldn't have imagined a world where gays could marry. Yet today, I am an active supporter of the GLBT community, as is the president.

What's more, a majority of Americans are in support of gay marriage. Romney has no plans to change anything. He won't compromise.

The reason the American people are so fed up with these two men, above all else, is because we want compromise.

We want our leaders to stop acting like children and do what's right.

As Lincoln showed, that means compromise and moderation. It's time for these candidates to get the message.

## LIFE HACKER By Alexandra Davy

Halloween is just around the corner, and if you are anything like me, you're excited.

Originating from pagan holidays such as All Hallows Eve, Halloween is supposed to be a time when the bridge between this world and the next is very strong, allowing spirits and monsters to cross over. In order to stay safe from these spirits and demons, people would dress up to look like them, so that they would fit in among the nighttime visitors and not be preyed upon.

These days, there are different risks associated with Halloween. Perhaps those pesky spirits have adapted to the times and harass us in these ways:

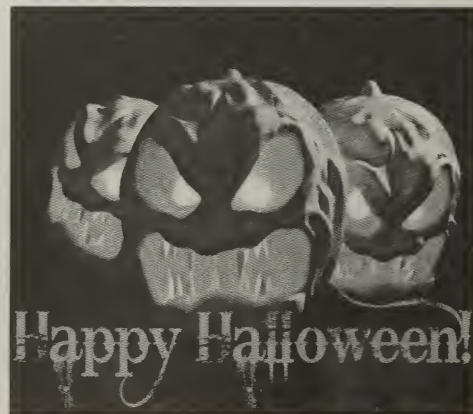
Sometimes called "Heart-attack" Licorice, black licorice can cause irregular heartbeats, specifically in older adults, if too much is consumed. So be careful and lay off of it.

Candies with the substituted sugar "Sorbitol" can cause digestion issues, most specifically diarrhea, if you eat too much. Be careful unless you want a terrible week after Halloween.

Some Halloween buckets and even fake teeth are sometimes coated with lead paint according to a 2008 study. The study found that such items tend to have more than the regulatory amount dictated by law. So check labels or just don't wear those blackened teeth too much.

Glow sticks are awesome accessories to almost any Halloween party, but rates of glow stick poisoning increase around Halloween according to a recent report by the Poison Control Center. If your glow stick breaks, throw it away and thoroughly wash your hands. Keep the sticks away from your mouth and eyes and don't throw them around.

So remember, be safe this Halloween, look awesome, and have fun. Because really, what's more fun than dressing up like a fool, scaring yourself silly, and pigging out on yummy treats? Check out the buzz around campus to see what's hot to go to, and as always a bit of prep time can save you a world of hurt later.





# Competency and Conservatism: What happened to working together?

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

My biggest complaint about American politics is that partisan extremes dominate the government.

The moderate has been effectively silenced by the loud-mouthed idealist. If someone tries to work with the other side, then it leaves them open to an attack in their next primary campaign.

It's frustrating because the high-voltage tactics of divide and conquer are a turn off to the casual observer.

Most people know that in order to be successful, they will have to compromise with others.

Just imagine if you decided to get up tomorrow morning and refuse to work with anyone who disagreed with you.

It wouldn't take long for you to realize that the strategy was flawed.

That's because we don't have the luxury of being obstinate and lazy.

In the real world, that type of attitude earns you either a pink slip or a divorce.

If we expect ourselves to work hard, possibly sacrificing for the greater good, then why do we let our elected representatives get away with less?

Unfortunately, I don't have the perfect answer to this question.

It baffles me that people complain about government and then don't bother voting. It also perplexes me that there are those who only vote along a party line.

Now that I've climbed atop my soapbox there's no point in stopping short; I think the answer to the question speaks for itself. Americans just don't care enough to do anything about it.

The majority of a United States Senator's term in office remains in obscurity.

He or she goes to D.C. and pals around with others from their party. A few times a year they vote on hot button issues and don't face real scrutiny until the election season heats up.

When you do start paying attention, it's usually because a challenger has claimed the incumbent senator is a middle of the road.

What's the solution? Vote for the extremist and everything will be alright.

What's wrong with politics in Washington?

Why doesn't anything ever get done?

It's not because politicians feel the need to avoid solving problems.

Oh no, it's that the people we elect are not liberal or conservative enough for the job.

Of course that's the problem, or so most people think. Partisanship is only a bad thing if it's the other side.

This type of system is inherently vulnerable to the populist mentality displayed at the voting booth.

For instance, in the 2006 Midterm Election that brought the Democrats back to power, the liberal wing of the party led an anti war charge against Republicans.

Liberals won the primaries and then went on to take back government.

They were the original Midwestern/Southern Democrats of the old days.

They brokered compromise and held considerable sway in politics, not allowing their party to run too far in one direction or another.

The same thing happened in the 2010 Midterm Elections when conservative upstarts started picking off Republican

incumbents.

The odd part is that it is still continuing in the current cycle.

Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana was beaten in the primary by ultra-conservative Richard Murdock.

Senator Lugar is a moderate Republican, but by no means would he be described as a liberal.

The Senator is probably one of the most influential members of the upper chamber when it comes to foreign affairs and a venerable statesman.

But he's gone starting January and why does this matter?

Because the man that is going to replace him just doesn't measure up.

Senator Lugar has forgotten more than Mr. Murdock has ever learned regarding diplomatic relations.

Another reason ties into the Massachusetts Senate Race. Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren was asked in a previous debate to name Republicans she would be willing to work with in the United States Senate.

Her answer troubled me in that the only name she had was Richard Lugar. He's not going to be in the Senate after January so I hope she has a few others on her list.

The moderate still exists, they just don't have any influence.

Our political system that rewards partisanship and the malaise of the "Jersey Shore" watching public ignore moderation.

In order to correct the faults in our government we need to pay attention more closely.

The ballot carries just as much power as the bullet and the best way to change the course is to vote.

## Editor's Desk



*Happy birthday to Samantha  
Happy birthday to Samantha  
Sorry I'm a bad friend  
And forgot to sing this last week!*  
- Me

So, her birthday was this Monday (the 22nd) and I totally spaced on wishing her a happy birthday in my Editor's Desk last week so here's my (awful) belated birthday song.

I sang her a real happy birthday twice on the actual day, so she can't be too upset, I hope!

That's all I wanted to say this week so I guess I am done here. Have a great weekend everyone. (We'll be at the Wrentham outlets!!) Thanks!

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# REFLECTIONS

## By Matthew Futterleib

### Theodore Roosevelt – Born Oct 27, 1858



The 26th and youngest president in U.S. history was born in New York City, rising to the height of Governor of New York before his days as president. "Teddy" graduated from Harvard College in 1880 and began a life in politics, becoming the youngest representative in New York State Assembly history. He rose up the ladder of public service

and fighting in the U.S. victory in the Spanish-American War of 1898. He became vice president under William McKinley in 1901, yet quickly assumed the head title after McKinley's assassination. Roosevelt's progressive policies, including his "Square Deal," were his benchmark as a politician, fighting monopolies and strengthening the middle class. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906 for diplomatic efforts in stopping the Russo-Japanese War, and is one of the slim exceptions of former presidents who ran for president three times, nearly beating Woodrow Wilson in the 1912 election.

facts courtesy of biography.com

### Red Sox win the World Series – Oct 27, 2004

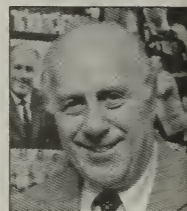
It seems like just yesterday when the Boston Red Sox reached the apex of their greatness, snapping an 86-year losing streak since their last World Series championship to claim MLB supremacy over the St. Louis Cardinals. The 2004 season was magical for the Red Sox, finishing the regular season at 98-64, winning the familiar Wild Card spot in the American League and entering the postseason healthy. The team would sweep the Anaheim Angels in three games during the AL Division Series. The AL Championship Series pitted the Red Sox against their hated rival, the New York Yankees, and Schilling surprising-

ly took the hill in Game 1 despite his injury. The Red Sox would lose three straight, culminating in an embarrassing 19-8 smackdown in Game 3. Losing again in the ninth inning of Game 4, the Red Sox came back from a 4-3 deficit to win in extra innings, beginning an improbable and unprecedented comeback from three games down to defeat the Yankees in four straight games. The World Series matchup seemed worrisome, with the Cardinals being the most winning organization in the MLB that season. However, the Red Sox promptly swept St. Louis in four games and made baseball history.

facts courtesy of boston.com

### Red Auerbach – Died Oct 28, 2006

The Boston Celtics were a struggling NBA franchise before Brooklyn's Red Auerbach took the helm as head coach and general manager in 1950. In seven years' time, Red and the Celtics ascended to dominance, winning their first of nine NBA Championships in ten years with Bill Russell captaining at center. Auerbach's regular season winning percentage as head coach of the Boston Celtics was a staunch .662. Upon his retirement in 1966, Red was quickly inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. The seventies were the most arduous decade to date for the Auerbach era. To rejuvenate the franchise to its former glory, Auerbach took a chance on Indiana



State's Larry Bird in the 1978 draft. The move paid off, returning the Celtics to prominence in 1981 and winning Red's 14th NBA title with the team. Auerbach was selected the "Greatest Coach of All-Time" for the NBA's 35th Anniversary Team and, in 1985, the Red Auerbach Foundation was started to develop after-school activities for the children of Boston.

facts courtesy of nba.com

## Movie review: "Argo" tense and perfectly realistic, reviewer gives thumbs up

### Brad Avery Voice Reporter

In 1979, Iranian revolutionaries stormed the United States embassy and took fifty two Americans hostage. Those who were alive during this event probably remember it vividly as a time of international panic. Ultimately, they were in captivity for 444 days before being released.

However, the lesser known story is that six Americans had escaped the embassy before being taken hostage and hid out for several months at the home of the Canadian ambassador.

Working with the Canadian government, the CIA formulated a plan to get them out

of the country safely and home to the U.S. – enter Iran under the guise of scouting locations for a new science fiction movie and smuggle the six Americans home, passing them off as a Canadian film crew.

The plan was crazy enough to work, and the fake film was named "Argo."

This is an entirely true story, and it now serves as the plot of the latest film directed by Ben Affleck.

CIA Agent Tony Mendez (Affleck) is put in charge of developing a plan to safely enter Iran and escape with the six American hostages.

While home one night watching a "Planet of the Apes" film with his son he comes up with the idea to stage a fake science fiction film to allow him

to get in and out of Iran. However, in order to make the plan believable, he must set the film into production.

With the help of Hollywood make-up artist John Chambers (John Goodman) and producer Lester Siegel (Alan Arkin) they draft a script, draw up storyboards, cast actors, and even take out an ad in Variety Magazine.

One of the best things about "Argo" is that it looks like the period. This may seem trivial, but Affleck's design team took care to make sure nothing looked out of place. Even the opening Warner Brothers logo is the one that was used throughout the seventies. The décor, the costumes, the hair – it all works and it sells the story.

The end credits actu-

ally show not only pictures of the actors next to the real people they played, who all look spot on, but also photos from actual riots during the Iranian Revolution that Affleck recreated for the film.

In fact, Affleck puts so much effort into making "Argo" as true to life as possible, even incorporating real news footage from the time, it's a bit puzzling that he takes the liberties he does in the final act.

Beyond the design, "Argo" is tightly paced, never allowing itself to drag. The script is both tense and at times hilarious.

Goodman and Arkin, playing the Hollywood big shots, steal the show here. They provide a lot of comic relief that not only lands perfectly, but rec-

ognizes the absurdity of trying to rescue hostages by staging a cheap Star Wars knockoff.

What's interesting about "Argo" is the way it realizes its entire premise is ridiculous.

The plan is a bad plan. It's full of potential pitfalls, it's entirely unbelievable, and everybody involved knows it. Yet, they put their faith in it. It almost becomes in a way like watching a science fiction movie. You can watch a film like "Star Wars" or "Planet of the Apes" and know that it's far-fetched and unrealistic.

That's what Tony Mendez and the CIA did with the "Argo" plan. They knew it was insane, but they rolled with it. Maybe a little suspension of disbelief was all it needed to succeed.

**Grade: B+**



# WSU women's soccer team continues dominant season

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Last weekend was one filled with many events at Westfield State University, including the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, alumni weekend and many other great sporting events.

However, one sporting event stood out in particular, that being the dominance of the women's soccer team. The Owls are now 15-0-1 this season as they easily defeated Framingham State 6-1 this past Saturday.

The victory was an accomplishment on two fronts. First, it was the last home game for Westfield's seniors and also it was the game that Kayley Miller broke the 15-year school point record of 116 that was previously held by Sandy Graham, who was on hand for the game.

Miller now has 118 ca-

reer points for the Owls and has been a key part in helping Westfield dominate their competition this season.

Miller has 20 goals this season and is one of the top Division III players in the country.

Another key member of the Owls team is senior Brittanie McGregor, who leads the team in assists with 13 and has 10 goals as well.

But along with having a potential player of the year candidate, the Owls also have a stout defense. Westfield has only allowed seven goals this season in 16 games.

No, that this is not a misprint – they have only allowed seven goals, compared to the 58 goals that they have scored.

The great defense is in large part due to junior goalkeeper Jess Habif for this season has four shutouts and 27 saves.

Don't forget, last year's team went to the NCAA tournament and won their first round



*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Kayler Miller is presented the game ball by Sandy (Pinto) Graham. The Ludlow natives rank 1-2 on Westfield State's career scoring list.

game against Stevens and held their own against national power Williams in the second round.

The 15 victories for the Owls have gotten the team some national attention, as the team has received votes to be in the top 25 of the Division III

soccer rankings.

Westfield should be in the top 25 this week, and as of last week, they were considered the tenth best team in the New England region (which undoubtedly will be higher this week as well). With one game remaining on the schedule, the Owls are on

path for an undefeated regular season, and have a clear path to winning an automatic bid into the Division III women's soccer tournament.

So keep a look out for this team and try to catch one of their games in the conference tournament – you won't regret it.

## Westfield football falls to Framingham on Homecoming Weekend

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday during Homecoming Weekend, the Westfield State Owls football team faced off against the top team in the New England Football Conference in the Framingham State Rams. Despite an early lead, the Owls fell to the Rams by a final score of 30-16.

After the first half, Westfield appeared to be a formidable opponent for the Rams with the Owls up 13-6.

But that all changed when the Rams realized that they have one of the best running backs in school history on their team.

Van Alostyne in the second half alone ran for 189 yards,

and on the day ran for 294 yards on 36 carries with one touchdown.

The 294 yards were a school record and Van Alostyne has now rushed for 3,916 yards in only three years.

The first half of the game was not a pretty sight, as both teams turned the ball over numerous times.

In fact, both teams combined for 13 turnovers in the game with each team throwing four interceptions and fumbling the ball a couple of times.

Westfield was missing their best offensive weapon in Michael Mercadante, who was out with an injury, and without him, the entire Owls offense seemed to stall.

Facing off against the top defense in the conference didn't

help either as Westfield only mustered 171 yards of total offense in the game.

In what has been an issue all season for the Owls, that being quarterback play, Coach Marino benched Erik Washburn in the second quarter after some poor play.

Washburn in the game was 5-13 passing for 29 yards with a touchdown and one interception. Washburn's replacement, Tim Rich, didn't do much better as he was intercepted twice and was 5-11 for 92 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively the Owls played well in the first half, limiting the Rams passing game as they intercepted Matthew Silva four times.

Linebacker Justin Ehrhardt had another great game

as he had 13 tackles and caught an interception. Not to be outdone was fellow linebacker Dan Dowling who had 11 tackles in the game and two sacks.

With the win, the Rams record improved to 7-1 and the Owls record fell to 2-6.

Westfield heads on the road this week to face off against Mass Maritime, who is 4-3 this season and is coming off a 42-23 victory against Maine Maritime. Westfield will face the Buccaneers on Saturday, October 23, at 12 p.m.

The Buccaneers offensively like to throw the ball often as their quarterback, Mike Stanton, has thrown for over 2,000 yards this season and 13 touchdowns.

However, Stanton also has a tendency to make mis-

takes and overthrow his receivers as he has 10 interceptions this year.

His two main targets are Keith Caruso and E.J. Bennett who each average about 100 yards receiving per game and have 51 and 49 catches respectively this year.

The Owls secondary needs to be alert of both of these receivers in this game.

Defensively for the Bucs, they are led by Eddy Ramos who has four interceptions this year to lead the team, and could cause problems for whomever the Owls throw in at quarterback.

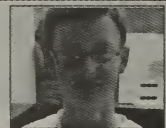
The key for this game will be the health of Mercadante, as his powerful running style takes pressure off the quarterbacks and the passing game.

# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

*By: Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



With the World Series looming, it's only fitting that this week's column be dedicated to baseball's final series of the 2012 season.

This year's Fall Classic will feature the American League champion Detroit Tigers and the National League champion San Francisco Giants.

Up 3-1 in the NLCS, it seemed as the though the St. Louis Cardinals would snatch their second consecutive National League pennant in the past two seasons.

The Giants came back to win convincingly despite the on and off play of former ace and two-time NL CY Young winner Tim Lincecum.

The Giants have a strong one through nine lineup and stout pitching from Matt Cain, Barry Zito and Sergio Romo.

Barry Zito has been lights out of late, but there is no telling how he will do against a power hitting array of talent that can turn a lingering curve ball into a souvenir with ease.

Detroit is hotter than ever

coming off a sweep of the New York Yankees, as their pitching was dominant.

With the middle of the Tigers lineup featuring Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera, Prince Fielder, Delmon Young and Johnny Peralta, not many teams can slow them down.

The key to this series will come down to the Giants starting rotation against the heart of the Tigers lineup.

With Justin Verlander for Detroit seemingly winning every game he walks onto the

bump, it will be up to the Tigers bullpen to close the door on this pesky Giants ballclub.

Closer Jose Valverde has had some spotty play of late. For the Tigers to put the Giants away, they will need a 2011 type effort from the 6-4, 254 pound Dominican.

San Francisco was almost out of it in the NLDS against the Reds down 2-0, and was certainly deemed finished down 3-1 to the defending World Series champions.

How much fight does this

team have left to ride on against a 25-man roster superior to theirs?

Is this finally the year the Tigers have been building up towards by taking home the Commissioner's Trophy?

I believe it is.

Give me the Tigers in six games, winning their first World Series since 1984 on Halloween night in downtown Detroit. Justin Verlander will be too much for the Giants in games one and four, along with the one-two punch of Cabrera and Fielder.

## Celtics revamped roster creating excitement for 2012-2013 season

**Matt Futterleib**  
Voice Reporter

By the end of the 2011-2012 season for the Boston Celtics, the forecast seemed bleak. After blowing a 3-2 lead over the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference Finals, losing a memorable 79-98 beatdown in Game 6 in Boston, the team in green looked tired and weak against the Heat in Game 7, and what seemed to be an implausible journey for a veteran team came to an abrupt halt.

The rumors quickly swirled: would Kevin Garnett retire? Should Danny Ainge trade away the hotheaded Rajon Rondo? Is Ray Allen leaving the team for LeBron and Wade in Miami?

Two of the three myths were dispelled, as Rondo stayed put during the offseason and Garnett emphatically announced he would return for his 18th year and more in the NBA, signing a three-year deal with the team.

Myth three was the nightmare soon to become reality, with Ray Allen joining Erik

Spoelstra's talented Miami Heat squad in the offseason.

But instead of lingering on old friends, let's discuss the more encouraging news of the offseason (and trust me, there was a great deal of it). The Celtics managed to resign Brandon Bass, who quickly became a fan favorite in his first season with the club by scoring clutch hoops during the 2012 playoffs.

Workhorse power forward Chris Wilcox was also resigned to bolster the bench.

The most promising moves made by the Celtics were undoubtedly the signings of former "Sixth Man of the Year" Jason Terry and Jeff Green.

After losing Green for the entire 2011-2012 season due to a heart ailment, the Celtics could have balked at the chance to resign the lean, lanky small forward.

However, Celtics management has shown faith in the athletic and aptly-named Green, which is bound to pay serious dividends for the team this season. Jason Terry will formidably replace the tired knees of Ray Allen as a defensive upgrade off the bench, while still providing strong three-point capability.

The busy offseason continued for the Celtics when they traded away a group of cluttering bench players to receive talented shooting guard Courtney Lee. He has shown promise as a second bench scorer in the preseason.

Serbian center Darko Milicic, a former number two overall draft pick, was also signed despite a lack of productivity since his inception in the NBA. Guard Leandro Barbosa will also be searching for redemption after a slumping 2011-2012 season with the Indiana Pacers.

Each player is a gamble free agent signing for the Celtics, but their experience could produce benefits in slow stretches of the season.

The 2012 NBA Draft also yielded great promise for the Celtics future, with the Celtics using back-to-back first round picks on big-men Jared Sullinger and Fab Melo.

Critics have been off-put by Melo's persona and question his mental toughness, while Sullinger was formerly predicted as a high draft choice before questions about his back health came up. However, if any NBA coach today could kick Melo in

the pants and squeeze out every bit of Sullinger's talent before a probable demise to injuries, it would be Doc Rivers.

Look for these guys to show up in late stretches during blowouts and work on their pro game, along with Melo's Syracuse teammate, Kris Joseph, who has good shooting ability and was chosen in the second round by the Celtics.

The Celtics enter the 2012-2013 season healthy, which is a very good sign. Their starting lineup is projected to include the pace-setting Rajon Rondo, who returns to find new aforementioned role players like Lee, Barbosa and Terry, who can run the floor in the fast break and will result in more flashy passes than ever.

Also returning is defensive wonder Avery Bradley, rejoining the starting lineup after missing the Heat series last postseason with a debilitating shoulder injury.

Paul Pierce's tired performance late in the playoffs has many skeptical of his remaining years in the league, but he still has flashes of brilliance brimming inside. By dividing playing time with Jeff Green,

he should stay rejuvenated long enough to deliver in clutch moments.

Kevin Garnett and Brandon Bass will assume their post presence in 2012-2013, and will also benefit from Jeff Green's long reach. His ability to swing from small forward and shoot to running up the floor and blocking shots is pivotal to the Celtics' success this year: if he stays healthy and nimble, the possibilities are innumerable.

Questions remain about for the 2012-2013 Celtics, who begin the season on October 30th to watch their new rival, Ray Allen's Miami Heat, raise the banner. Can KG and The Truth admit that Ray was cramping their style, while officially welcoming Rondo into the inner circle of the Big Three?

Will the stacked new bench deliver in key stretches, unlike the anemic bench play seen at times last year? Can Doc build enough chemistry to sustain another championship run?

I believe the answer to all of these questions is a tentative "yes," but a strong performance against the Heat on Tuesday will be the ultimate barometer of the Celtics' 2012-2013 potential.





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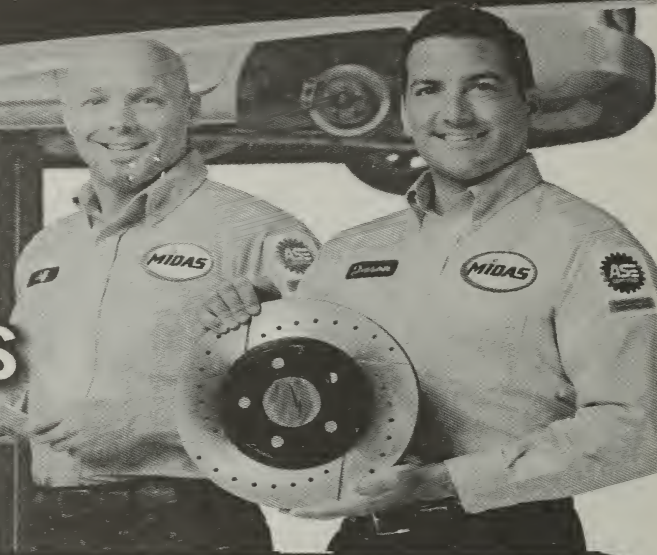
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If you want to buy a lottery ticket this upcoming Thursday, you probably won't win. But, there is an off chance that you will, and that would really make your day.

**Sagittarius**  
(November 22 – December 21)

Don't worry, everything is going to be okay. It looks that way, anyway. Actually, the stars have absolutely no clue whether everything is going to be okay. They'll get back to you on that, though. Eventually.

**Capricorn**  
(December 21 – January 20)

Music is your friend this weekend, and it will guide the decisions you make whether you know it or not. Switch up your every day tunes and follow the rhythms of life, whatever those may be.

**Aquarius**  
(January 21 – February 19)

Love shall follow your thoughts throughout your week. It shall invade your dreams your actions, and do everything except move your body for you. Love is a great force to have on your side, embrace it.

**Pisces**  
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

You probably have a lot on your plate right now. So just try to get through this week. Take a deep breath. Good luck, you'll need it!

**Aries**  
(March 21 - April 20)

After coming into conflict with some people close to you in your life, having a Plan B will be useful for you in the long run, or else you will face long-term problems you didn't want.

**Taurus**  
(April 21 – May 21)

This week everything will be exactly as it seems to you. Yet, you must remain aware of what your perception of things is in the first place.

**Gemini**  
(May 22 – June 21)

This week is the week you will get on top of everything and plow through all obstacles in your path. It will be a little difficult, but nothing you can't handle.

**Cancer**  
(June 22 – July 22)

Any sort of artistic performance or public speaking may be a bit harder for you this week and the stress might start to get to you. You might want to put some more time in your schedule for preparation and practice.

**Leo**  
(July 23 – August 23)

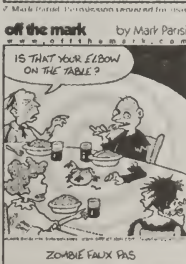
If you are a Leo who has been meeting with a man with a red trenchcoat and blue hat every Wednesday at noon, you may want to have a bottle of water on you at all times. Otherwise, you will not have a great week. Beware.

**Virgo**  
(August 24 – September 22)

Remember that crying yourself to sleep every night isn't always a bad thing, and that even though the person you love may not feel the same way, you should always still love yourself.

**Libra**  
(September 23 – October 22)

If you had never read this horoscope, your life may have turned out completely differently. However, you did in fact read this, you are now bound to this current path your life is taking because of that decision.



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## WSU students deal with stressful registration process

**Steve Kligerman**  
Ad Manager

As Westfield State University's registration process is in progress over these next few weeks, memories of waking up early, rushing to type in all of the correct CRNs, cursing at the computer, and having to deal with the registrar come to mind. Every student has had and will continue to have this stressful experience.

When asked if the registration process has ever stressed Heather Charland, a Junior majoring in Biology with a concentration in Secondary Education, she responded, "Every time I register."

Charland, as with many other Westfield students, has major specific classes that she must take, and these sometimes have limited sections.

For majors such as Education in which there is very little wiggle room on when a student is allowed to take certain classes, not getting into one class can lead to an extra semester here.

Although it can be difficult, students have to accept that this is how Westfield registration happens.

As Tom Fazio, a Junior Economics and Business Management double major, puts it,

"in the end you just have to go with what is offered and deal with it."

When asking several students around campus, even though they get stressed or frustrated during the process, none could come up with a better or easier way in which students here could sign up for classes.

Regardless of how it is done, registering is stressful and does not always work out

for everyone.

Nicole West, a graduate of Westfield in 2007 and the current Staff Assistant at the Academic Advising Center, remembers signing up for classes and understands students' pain.

For some students, they need these specific classes to stay on track for their major or remain a full time student, but West says that students should

not "expect their schedules to be perfect."

Nicole West offers advice about how to not stress on registration day. First she said to have tons of back ups (and back ups for back ups). Find a way to input the CRNs quickly.

Check prerequisites and see how many seats are available for the class on MyWestfield. And make sure to check for holds on your account.

Using these tips, and understanding that the schedule a student gets on registration day can be changed can help ease the stress of this process.

"This time is known as pre-registration dates, none of it is final," says West, who reminds students that there is always the add/drop period.

So to all the students getting ready to register, keep these tips in mind and good luck.



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WSU's MTG performed *Legally Blonde: The Musical* last weekend to audiences full of friends and family. To read more, see page 9.

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**Saturday, November 10**

11:00 a.m.

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Regional Championships  
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5:30p.m.

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Amelia Park

8:00p.m.

MOVIE: The Campaign  
Ely Main Lounge

**Sunday, November 11**

8:00p.m.

MOVIE: The Campaign  
Ely Main Lounge

## A letter from the President: Western Ave. bicyclist and former WSU coach will be missed

"Dear students, faculty, staff and alumni:

Yesterday afternoon former Westfield State University Coach John Kurty was fatally injured in a bicycle accident on Western Avenue.

John Kurty was a highly respected coach and mentor whose impact and influence on the students he taught will long be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family - wife Rita, son Jack, daughter Carol and her husband Hal - at this very sad time.

John was the first coach inducted into the Westfield State Athletics Hall of Fame in

1994 as a member of the charter class. John, who retired from the Westfield State faculty as a physical education instructor in 1988, compiled a brilliant record of 153 wins, 36 losses and 13 ties in coaching the Westfield men's soccer team from 1966 to 1977.

At the time of his retirement, his .790 winning percentage was the highest of any coach, active or retired, in all New England divisions. J

ohn led the Owls to five straight NCAA Tournament appearances and three New England state championships. Coach Kurty's 1974 team fin-

ished third in the nation.

Kurty coached golf for 10 years and volleyball for seven years at Westfield State, and was a volunteer assistant for the baseball team.

He came to Westfield from his hometown of Ludlow, where he coached the high school soccer team to a ten-year record of 150 wins, 19 loss and 19 ties and three consecutive state championships.

A standout athlete, John graduated from Penn State University and was a member of a NCAA national championship soccer team.

In his retirement years,

John was an avid golfer and an umpire for local college and high school baseball games.

"The Westfield State athletics department is deeply saddened by the death of Coach Kurty," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest. "He was a legendary coach but he was an even better person who was very loyal to Westfield State, even in his retirement years. A scholarship fund at WSU is being established in his name."

Information about funeral and memorial arrangements will be forthcoming."

- President Dobelle

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## WSU holds political convocation focused on 2012 election

**Rob Donoghue**  
Managing Editor

On Wednesday, October 24, Westfield State University held a political convocation at the Woodward Center titled Top Trends: Politics2012@westfieldstate hosted by university President Evan Dobbelle.

The five honorary guests who took part in the panel discussion were Douglas Brinkley (historian, professor and contributing editor to Vanity Fair), Hendrik Hertzberg (Senior Editor and political commentator for The New Yorker), the Honorable Shannon O'Brien (former State Treasurer, state legislator, and the first woman to be elected to state-wide office in Massachusetts on her own accord), Dan K. Thomasson (nationally syndicated columnist and the Former Editor and VP of the Scripps Howard News Service) and the Honorable Lowell Weicker (former United States Senator, U.S. Representative and Governor of Connecticut).

The event was free and open to the public, and featured a roundtable discussion based on questions submitted by members of the audience. The focus of the event was exploring the issues, candidates and political climate surrounding the 2012 election.

"When it comes to politics, especially in an election year, it is important the university provide opportunities and access to important and influential voices," Dobbelle said. "We hope this event encourages

discussion and debate as well as provides perspective on the issues of the day."

A public reception was held at 6:30 p.m. before the convocation began at 7 p.m. Brinkley, Thomasson and Hertzberg received honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters and Weicker and O'Brien received honorary Doctorates of Public Service at the beginning of the convocation.

Brinkley set the tone for the evening by prefacing the roundtable discussion with a short speech on the great presidents throughout American history.

Once Dobbelle started relaying questions to the panelists and moderating the discussion, topics such as the impact of the presidential debates, campaign advertising, money in politics and the Electoral College were all brought to the table.

O'Brien, the Massachusetts Democratic candidate for Governor who lost to Mitt Romney in 2002, had tough words for her former opponent, saying that it's hard to debate someone who's not telling the truth and constantly shifts their views.

Hertzberg, a vocal Obama supporter, said that the first presidential debate had a greater impact for Romney's presidential aspirations than any other debate in history has had for a candidate. He added that Romney has no substantial beliefs except that he deserves to be the president.

Weicker took a strong stance on the modern Republican Party, stating that conservatives had moved further to the right than at any point in his

tory. He was unable to name a single moderate-Republican in the U.S. Senate with views that mirrored his own.

Weicker added that people need to take personal responsibility as voters for the politicians in Washington rather than blaming the political parties or government in general.

Thomasson also agreed with Weicker that the Republican Party had moved further to the right than in any of the years he had covered American politics.

The panelists had varying opinions regarding campaign spending, free speech and the controversial Citizens United case, but the most contentious moment of the evening came when the panelists were discussing the Electoral College.

While both Brinkley and Weicker said they support the Electoral College, Hertzberg said that the archaic Electoral College is an "atrocious" system to elect the president and a national popular vote should undoubtedly be the way to elect the president in the 21st century.

He said that the Electoral College allows a few swing states, such as Ohio and Florida, to essentially decide the presidency for the rest of the country.

An overall theme from the panelists throughout the evening was the notion that the government can change and things in Washington can get better, but it's up to voters, particularly young voters, to voice their opinions in order for proposed improvements to become reality.

## Coffey Break with Kelsey Garvey

by Kylie Coffey



Hometown: Haverhill, MA  
Major: Education

1. If you could pick one show to audition for: American Idol, The Voice, or the X Factor, which show would it be and why?

The Voice because I love Blake Shelton and want to meet him.

2. Do you SnapChat? Who are your "Best Friends" on the App?

I do! My "Best Friends" are Cuda Connolly, Pat Burns, and Justin Connolly.

3. Are you involved in any activities on campus? What are they?

I run cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

4. What made you want to become an Education major?

I used to go into the preschool that my aunt works at and that made me want to become a teacher.

5. Twitter or Facebook? Why?

Twitter. Facebook's boring now.

6. What is your favorite store to shop at?

Target, because it has everything!

7. Where was your Facebook default picture taken?

At the cross country boys' apartment.

8. What was the best themed party you've ever been to?

A vacation themed party. My friend Cuda and I dressed like the beach.

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## Comm. Department networking night

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

"Networking is the key to getting your first job out of college," said Eric Levine, Media & Community Relations Manager for the Springfield Falcons.

Levine said this at the Communication Professional Networking Night on Thursday November 1, 2012. This event was sponsored by the Career Center, Alumni Relations, and Academic Affairs.

Distinguished guests included former Westfield State Communication students now working in the field and other communication professionals.

Katrina Powell, a 2010 graduate interned with Gatehouse Media located in Danvers, MA. At the time of graduation,

Gatehouse needed a reporter and Powell was offered a position as a shared reporter for the Danvers/Beverly area.

"It's important to be the face of the community," said Powell when talking about having the advantage of being from the North Shore area.

Powell has been an editor at the Swampscott Reporter, part of Gatehouse Media, for six months.

"Being a reporter is about 40 hours a week," she said. "But being an editor requires 60 to 80 hours a week of your time."

Shannon Allen, also an alumnus of Westfield State, stressed the importance of building your resume, networking with your peers, and recommended completing an internship.

"Just because someone is a different concentration, don't knock them off your list of peo-

ple to talk to. Networking is full circle," she said.

Suzanne Boniface, an adjunct professor in the Communication department, gave advice on being successful right out of college.

"This department [Communication] is widely accepted in this industry" she said.

Boniface told students stories of students that graduated who took jobs right out of college that weren't ideal, but because of it they ended up where they wanted to be. For example, she told a story about a graduate who took an administrative assistant job at a marketing firm. She stayed with that position for a year and was eventually promoted to a marketing position she desired.

"Don't overlook jobs like you're overqualified for them," she said. "Take up every opportunity."

## Republican Club comes to WSU: The club aims to create an ideological balance on campus

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

Now both major parties have a place on campus.

The Republican Club, restarted by Matthew Demikat, is starting to hold meetings consisting of students at Westfield State University who identify themselves as Republican or more right-wing.

"There was a Republican Club on campus around the time of the last election but it died off," said Demikat.

The goal of the club is to create more of a balance between the Democratic ideology and the Republican ideology on campus.

The Democratic Club has been very active on campus, especially in the wake of the United States Senate elec-

tion in Massachusetts between Democrat Elizabeth Warren and Republican Scott Brown.

Election Day saw chalk on the sidewalks on campus encouraging students who were registered to vote for Warren.

While the Republican Club is currently small in numbers, Demikat and Secretary Victoria Hunt both agreed that the club is very serious and would like to gain members as the year goes on.

Republican and Democrat clubs are very common on college and university campuses all across the country.

Most are affiliated with a larger body, in the Republicans' case, the College Republican National Committee, and in the Democrats' case, the College Democrats of America.

Officers of the Republican Club here at Westfield State did not indicate whether they were appealing to become a part of the College Republican National Committee network.

The network does have a presence in the Democrat-controlled Massachusetts, however, and the clubs are regulated by district. Westfield State falls into the western district, led by University of Massachusetts Amherst student David Kaufman.

If you'd like to join the Republican Club on campus, there will be a meeting on Thursday, November 15th at 5:15 pm at a location yet to be determined. For more information on the Republican Club, you can contact Matthew Demikat by email at mdemikat2863@westfield.ma.edu.

## Editor's Desk



*Trials and tribulations,  
I've had my share.  
There ain't nothin' gonna stop me now,  
'Cause I'm almost there.*

- Princess and the Frog

I know Alex and I are both doing quotes this week, and I was going to change it up, but I couldn't resist. It's relevant, I promise.

What do you all think about Disney buying out Star Wars?

Just kidding, that's not why I picked that quote, though that would make a good story for the newspaper (wink wink). Journalism is a hard major and an even more difficult career. You can't make everyone happy at the same time. We recently received some flak about something concerning the newspaper. Does this mean I should not be a journalist anymore? No. I've come this far and I'm almost there, so I don't intend to quit now. And neither should any of you who have been discouraged, not just about your choice of major, but about anything recently.

That's my words of wisdom for the week. Have a good one!

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**Sudhir Venkatesh**  
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# Dyslexia nothing to be ashamed of

**Digno Ortiz**  
Voice Reporter

Dyslexia is a common disability in the American educational system. Diane McCray, age 45, is a student at Westfield State University who has dyslexia and has gone far in life despite the difficulties associated with the reading disorder.

Dyslexia is a neurological disability that affects peoples reading, writing and spelling. Some people have difficulties in one area, but not in others. McCray explained that the disability affected her as a child when she was in elementary school.

"When I was in diagnosed with dyslexia, I was ashamed and never told anyone or ever talked about it," she said.

She understood what the teacher was teaching, but when asked to read in front of the class, the letters on page seemed

like a blur to her. Her family and the school then realized she had a learning disability.

McCray said, "When I went to college Mass Rehab told my mother that all colleges have programs that can help me with my dyslexia. So I checked into this and was enrolled in college. "The particular programs she discovered were Strive at Holyoke Community College and Trio at Westfield State University.

Just like many people with dyslexia, McCray's main problems are grammar, spelling words and the organizational structure of a paper. With much help from teachers, and her family, she was able to improve her writing skills by understanding dyslexia.

Now McCray makes an outline by utilizing bullet points and writes paragraphs in citations. She highlights the paper in order to get the best details

and connect the sentences together to make a better transition on the paper.

She takes her papers once or twice to the writing center that is offered at the school for free, and then takes the final draft to the instructor. McCray also improves her writing skills by rewriting the paper many times until it's correct.

"With the help from Holyoke Community College, I am able to succeed and will be graduating with honors and my bachelor's degree in social work with a minor in psychology," said McCray.

The disability of dyslexia still affects her life when she reads, and even in organizing some personal parts of her life, but now she works around her disability to not only overcome her writing skills, but to become a mentor and a example to others that also have difficulties in writing.

# WSU faculty member honored

Westfield State University's Associate Director of Alumni Services Kelly Galanis was honored by Western Mass Women Magazine as a 2012-2013 recipient of a Top 25 "Women to Watch" award.

For the third consecutive year, Western Massachusetts Women's Magazine recognized professional women who rock in their Top 25 "Women to Watch" in Western Mass 2012-2013 issue. The magazine hopes to celebrate and support all of the women in Western Mass that are striving to excel professionally.

The awards are based on nominations and votes. Galanis was one of the highest vote-getters of the group according to Dee Emery-Ferrero, CEO of Western Mass Women Magazine.

Galanis is the first person to earn three consecutive degrees from Bay Path College- an A.S. and B.S. in Legal Studies

and an M.S. in Communications and Information Management. She began working at Westfield State in 2005 as the Development Systems and Information Manager for Advancement. In 2008, Galanis was one of five individuals selected to serve a two-year term as a Presidential Fellow working first in Academic Affairs then in Alumni Relations where she currently serves.

In addition to her work at Westfield State, Galanis has a side business as a social media consultant, trainer, and motivational speaker.

With organizations, Galanis helps integrate social media into their curriculum, mission, and strategic plans.

Galanis was flattered to receive the award.

"Western Mass Women Magazine is a great resource to women," Galanis said. "This year's group of individuals have

broken barriers and made important contributions and a significant impact in Western Massachusetts. It is an honor to be included among them."

According to her supervisor, the award validates her hard work at the university. "This well-deserved award is an exciting recognition for both Kelly and our campus," said Kathi Bradford, Director of Alumni Relations.

When asked what advice she would give to a young woman pursuing a career in education or social media, Galanis stressed the importance of confidence.

"Be confident in all that you do," Galanis said. "Talk to people, tell them your goals, and promote yourself in a positive way. Seek knowledge from those you look up to. Confidence is about losing the fear of showing the world who you are."

## Editor's Desk



*I will find my way,  
I can go the distance.  
I'll be there some day.*

-My man Hercules

Samantha said, "QUICK! Write your Editor's Desk!" And so, here it is.

I keep getting asked "So what do you want to do after college?" and while I have a general idea, I keep saying I don't know - whatever I can get, whoever wants me. Despite the criticisms journalists face on a daily basis, I know I'm meant for this job. It's what I've always wanted to do and nothing and no one will turn me away from the one thing I'm most passionate about. Keep the criticism coming, it won't stop me. I can go the distance.

P.S. I agree with everything Samantha said. She (and all of you!) should never give up on your dreams.

Thanks for reading!

Alex Myers  
Editor-in-Chief

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## Letter to the Editors: Flag football

### Anonymous

On Sunday, November 4th, 2012, Westfield State University held their highly skilled Intramural Championship game between Exit 13 and the Clam Diggers.

In a hard fought battle between the two teams, Exit 13 came out victorious 20-18. The controversy had only begun, within the next 24 hours, that victory was no longer valid because Exit 13 had used an in-

eligible player.

This player, Kerry King, who had previously played one week for the Westfield State Football team. While the rules say that you cannot have a varsity player on your team, they in fact did not. He was only on the varsity roster for one game. This also brings up a point of fairness concerning Kerry, a college student, who was not supposed to "play".

Essentially what the Westfield State Intramural office is saying by holding this stance is

that any player who has played in a game for a varsity team has also lost their rights to play in what is supposed to be a fun, competitive league.

Exit 13 did not add him to the roster once the football season was over, which would have been a legitimate argument. He played with his intramural team throughout the whole season and no team ever had a problem with this. There should be a fine line between abusing this "so-called" rule, and clearly there is not. What a shame.

## Disclosing Disabilities

### Kylie Coffey News Editor

It may also be helpful to disclose your disability if you have a huge gap in your resume or if you have disability-related community activities that you would like to highlight.

If you do choose to disclose that you have a disability, there are certain steps you should take when doing so.

First, do it right away. If you do it either before you get hired or the beginning of your employment, it won't seem like you are trying to use your disability as an excuse if a problem arises.

Secondly, describe your diagnosis specifically. Let your employer know if there are any limitations that will affect your performance, and identify the accommodations you will need.

Using the "Discuss and Dispel" strategy, you could explain how having a disability has impacted your life personally and professionally and how you have grown because of it.

Some employers are "disability friendly". Look for companies that are "Equal Opportunity Employers."

Employers of Equal Opportunity often post job listings where those with certain disabilities will see them.

You should never feel ashamed of your disability and feel that you are not an ideal candidate because of it. If you feel it is necessary to tell your potential employer then follow your gut and do it.

So you have a disability and you're afraid that disclosing that information to a potential employer may hinder your chances of getting hired.

Even after all the anti-discrimination laws that have been put in place in this country, employment rates for disabled people is still lower than the general population.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, "Applicants are not required to disclose a disability at the time they apply for a job, even if they will later need a workplace accommodation."

If it won't be relevant to your job performance you don't have to reveal that you have a disability.

NACE states, "If an applicant does not have an apparent disability, has no necessity to reveal the disability, and has no disability-based skill or experience relevant to the job, then raising the issue may merely distract the interviewer."

If your disability will impact your work then you will want to be upfront in an interview about the accommodations that you would require.

For a list of reasonable accommodations, please visit <http://askjan.org/>.

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DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION
10/21/12	0423	Disorderly Conduct Attempt to steal a table	Landsdowne
10/21/12	1058	Malicious Destruction Damage to vending machine	New Hall
10/21/12	1900	Larceny/theft Cell phone taken	Parenzo Gym
10/22/12	2137	College policy viol. (other) Banned student on campus	New Hall
10/25/12	2150	College policy viol. (Drugs) Marijuana found	New Hall
10/25/12	2151	College policy viol. (Alcohol) Protective Custody	Landsdowne
10/25/12	2330	College policy viol. (Alcohol) Protective Custody	Davis Hall
10/27/12	0020	College policy viol. (Alcohol)	Scanlon Hall
10/27/12	0153	Motor Vehicle Stop Negligent Operation of a m/v OUI Liquor Failed to stop/yield	Commuter Lot
10/27/12	1636	Trespassing	Courtney Hall
10/27/12	1752	College policy viol. (Alcohol)	Davis Hall
10/27/12	1912	College policy viol. (Alcohol) Liquor person under 21 possess Arrest	Courtney Hall
10/27/12	2314	College policy viol. (Alcohol)	Dickinson Hall

\* Some incidents are not listed due to special issues.





# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

*Ramblings from a Noninterventionist*

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



It's that time of year boys and girls: Election Day.

Yes, I know that by the time this article appears in the print edition of The Westfield Voice the election will be old news. Well, in actuality, I'm sure the election will still be the lead story of every major news outlet.

But the winner of the 2012 presidential election will be determined and my endorsement won't mean much anymore.

Oh well – I'm still going to devote this column to enlightening my avid readers with my final thoughts on this year's presidential election.

I will give a short overview of both President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney and then make my final selection for who I believe should be the President of the United States for the next four years.

Prior to writing this column, a coin was tossed to determine who I would write about first. Mitt Romney won that coin toss, so the first half of this column will be focused on Romney and the second half will be focused on Obama.

## Mitt Romney:

What can I say about Mitt Romney that hasn't already been said?

We already know every detail of his plan for reforming the tax code and closing loopholes. We know the exact path he plans to take in order to create 12 million new jobs and reduce the national deficit.

Okay, so I guess we don't really know any specifics of Romney's economic recovery plan. But I'm fine with just trusting the former Bain Capital CEO that he knows what's best for job creation, because creating jobs is what he does best, right?

What we do know Romney is how he feels about the auto bailout, gay marriage, abortion, immigration and women's rights... on at least some days of the week. But overall he's proven to be very consistent on his social views.

We know that he's a man who cares for many Americans... 53 percent of them to be exact.

He deeply cares about our oceans and the environment and he's a big supporter of FEMA, Big Bird, a national health care system and pretty much every federal government spending or social program that exists.

Oh wait, no, that's not true – Romney hates Big Bird.

But as for FEMA, Medicare and Social Security, Romney doesn't actually want to privatize those programs, right?

I think free market ideas have taken over Mr. Romney's brain, because he's verging on advocating that all governmental power should rest in the hands of the states and all spending programs should be privatized.

Also, he is a big fan of the word voucher. I think he'd like to make everything in life run on a voucher program if possible. We could have vouchers for the library and vouchers for calling 911.

Best of all, we can have vouchers for education where federal funding can be used to send a child to private or religious schools at the expense of publically funded schools... oh wait, Romney supports that doesn't he.

Plus, I think we all know that Romney is a big fan of publically funded higher education and federal grants for students.

But if you're not sold on Romney's economic and social

beliefs, he is without a doubt a candidate that can be trusted in terms of foreign affairs.

He's definitely not going to go out of his way to confront China or Russia and he doesn't want to alienate one of our most important allies like Great Britain.

I guess that's all I really need to say about Mr. Romney. I think everyone pretty much knows what he stands for and the direction he'd like to take the country in (or maybe the fact that you don't know the answer to those topics solidifies how you feel about him).

## Barack Obama:

The global economy had been in free fall when Barack Obama took the oath of office. Americans were losing jobs left and right and the stock market was in the dumps thanks to risky financial trading, greedy Wall Street executives and government regulators who despised regulation. When Obama became president the country was in serious need of financial reform.

The revolving door between Wall Street and Washington that created the atmosphere that what was best for those on Wall Street was best for the entire country needed to be abolished.

In 2008 the American people were full of frustration and wanted change. They voiced their beliefs with the election of President Barack Obama in November 2008.

The deregulatory attitudes of Alan Greenspan and his disciples, those partly responsible for the financial meltdown, needed to be put to rest and fresh blood and new ideas were needed to fill the most important economic positions in the government.

So what did President Obama do to enact this change?

He started by appointing former Secretary of the Treasury Larry Summers as his Director of the National Economic Council and former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York Timothy Geithner as Secretary of the Treasury.

The latter appointment made former FDIC Chairperson Sheila Bair say, "I did not understand how someone who had campaigned on a 'change' agenda could appoint someone who had been so involved in contributing to the financial mess that had gotten Obama elected."

Obama appointed Gary Gensler, a senior employee at Goldman Sachs for 18 years, to be the chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission in 2009.

Ben Bernanke was also nominated by Obama to a second term as chairman of the Federal Reserve in 2010.

I'm not quite sure those were the types of appointments that people had in mind when voting for Obama after a campaign focused on change.

At least Bill Richardson and Tom Daschle were solid appointments.

While people may attack Obama for his first two years in office being focused on watered down, partisan healthcare legislation that did little to change the

root causes of the failed American healthcare system, it's not like he had Democratic control of both the House and the Senate during those two years.

And it's not like Obama made promises about the economy or immigration reform, or that he vetoed a job creating pipeline project for energy independence, or that he promised to close down Guantanamo Bay.

But hey, at least he handled the Benghazi situation pretty well.

## Presidential Endorsement:

Well after those glowing reviews for both Romney and Obama, it shouldn't be hard to make my endorsement for the 2012 presidential election. My choice for president: David Palmer – and if you don't know who I'm talking about, go out and purchase every season of the television series 24 immediately.

He's the best president I've ever seen... if only he was real... or if Dennis Haysbert was a politician instead of the voice of Allstate.

As for my actual choice for president, we'll let that remain a mystery.

Hey, by the time you're reading this column the election will be over and my endorsement won't matter anyways, right?

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# Barack Obama, Elizabeth Warren come out on top on Election Day

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

Barack Obama, 44th president of the United States, was re-elected on Tuesday night, beating his Republican challenger Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts.

As of about 11:15 p.m., many news outlets called Democrat Obama as the winner.

By 11:45 p.m., all of the news outlets had called Obama the winner of Ohio, which caused the Romney campaign to go into action mode, refusing to concede the state because the popular vote count was as close as 2,000 votes.

The battleground states were the decider of the election. Ohio, Virginia, and Florida were the holdouts of the evening, with Florida's votes not even counted until Wednesday because the polling locations were jammed with voters looking to cast their vote.

The Electoral College ended with Obama winning 303

electoral votes to Romney's 206 (with Florida's 29 electoral votes still up in the air).

As of 8:30 Wednesday morning, Obama had won more popular votes, with 59,584,661, compared to Romney's 56,959,312.

This election season was marked by a record amount of money spent on negative ads in battleground states.

Ohio, for instance, saw \$100 million spent by the Obama campaign to attack Romney as a corporate tyrant while Romney only spent \$40 million in the state attacking the president on his various policies.

Many pundits on the various news outlets on TV last night were crediting the president for his expert campaigning style of deploying foot soldiers to knock on doors, making countless phone calls, and utilizing social media in unique ways.

They credit this as the reasoning for his win, rather than his handling of the economy or military affairs.

Contrarily, the Romney campaign was looked upon last night on television as the gaffe-ridden and lacking the expertise that the Obama campaign showed in the final days.

They also felt that Hurricane Sandy had an adverse effect on both campaigns as they were attempting to make their closing arguments.

Even election night had its ups and downs. The night began with Romney in the lead in the popular vote and the Electoral College. The lead was being traded back and forth but by 10:30pm or 11:00pm, most news outlets had reported Obama in the lead of the Electoral College.

In the Massachusetts Senate race, Harvard Law professor Elizabeth Warren defeated incumbent U.S. Senator Scott Brown by less than 400,000 votes. Warren is to become the first woman Senator of the Commonwealth.

The race was fraught with even more negative campaign-



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President Obama won reelection Tuesday night as Elizabeth Warren ousted Scott Brown from his Senate seat, becoming the first woman senator from MA.

ing than the presidential race, with Brown's early emphasis of the misinformation surrounding Warren's Native American heritage.

The race was followed very closely by the major news outlets and was such a high pro-

file case that at one point in the night, a rogue tweet was sent by NBC News confirming Warren to be winner causing NBC News anchor Brian Williams to retract the rogue tweet and holding off on formally confirming the race.

## There's more to candidates than their political advertisements

**Marisol Gomez**  
Voice Reporter

During this year's presidential elections, politicians have pulled all their psychological tricks out of the bag to convince the general public to vote for them.

We are constantly being bombarded with candidates' Internet ads, posters in the mail, TV commercials that portray a rival candidate in a bad light, and so on.

During elections, each candidate, whether running for president or congress, tries so hard to get peoples' votes but

once he/she is in office, the individual usually forgets anything that he/she has promised to the people.

At this point everybody wants to win, and they are doing whatever they can to do so, even if it means trashing another candidate's image on a commercial to gain that vote.

It's like bringing each other's dirty laundry out in the public for everyone to see; while still telling people all the good things he/she is going to do for them.

Some candidates have accepted being portrayed in unusual circumstances making a fool out of themselves on Internet ads.

For example, recently a commercial online showed President Obama riding on a unicorn while creating a rainbow behind him.

On the other hand there's a YouTube ad making fun of Mitt Romney's ability to run the country by evaluating his "Report Card" of previous things he has done for the people.

The real question is, have you looked behind all the mind games these people are using to get your vote?

Have you looked at their "Hidden Agendas?"

There's more to being in office than just being there for the people.

Ask yourself these ques-

tions the next time you decide to vote for a candidate:

A) What is this person's level of education and political knowledge? (Law, civil, economically, etc.)

B) What are this person's plans and intentions for the people?

C) Does this person agree with my point of view/ needs?

D) How is this person going to improve the well being of this country? (i.e. Lower gas/ food prices, help college students with school debts, help the poor, cut down taxes, etc)

E) To what level is this person willing to put his/her personal biases and needs aside to fulfill those of the people?

These are the types of things one should ask oneself before voting for a candidate; not just focus on the Psychological mind games that are being played in commercials, and all other forms of media.

Get to know the candidate for who he/she really is and not what you hear from everybody else.

Look beyond the promises and sweet talks these people are giving and be the judge of this person's character.

You decide on who to vote for and why you agree with this person's philosophy.

Whatever happens next will be history.



# Cast of "Legally Blonde: The Musical" put on "grand" show

**Jeffrey Ohene Darko**  
Voice Reporter

The final week of this past October featured quite the musical spectacular.

Between Thursday the 25th and Saturday the 27th, Westfield State University's very own Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) (in special arrangements with Musical Theatre International based in New York) put on four performances of "Legally Blonde: The Musical" in a grand style.

MTG has put on some admirable and skillful shows in the past years, including productions of "Urinetown" and "The Wedding Singer" (2011), "Curtains" (2010), "Chicago" (2009), and "Godspell" (2008).

Support for the cast came from Dever Stage Manager



photo by Jeffrey Ohene Darko

Ernie Iannaccone and all the crew members, including directors Dan Monopoli and Libby Boland, choreographer Dani Collete, technical director Wil-

son Belbin, and music director Shelby Carne.

The actors and actresses in the play all came out with their "A" game and exhibited

their great talents.

In addition, neighboring shops around Westfield had sponsored the musical production including George's Jewel-

ers, Inc., Monster Frozen Yogurt, and Lucky Nails Spa.

According to Mewe Okoh, a sophomore English major, the show was one of a kind and said, "This show actually made me realize how talented some students are on campus and it got me thinking why I haven't minored in Theatre yet, because I just fell in love with what they did."

During a brief interview with one of the cast members, Olivia Dumas, a sophomore special education major who played the role of "Chutney Wyndam," she explained how hectic and stressful preparing for the show was. "We all felt really drained out before the show; with costume, set designing, learning songs and the choreography; but we knew it was for a good cause in the end so it did not matter," said Dumas.



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# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Carl Sagan (Born November 9, 1934)



Born in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Carl Sagan's contributions as an astronomer distinguished him as one of the greatest figures of science in the 20th century. His keen ability to reach households across America and teach science in a charming manner led him to maintain a high profile. Dr. Sagan was a leader in the U.S. space program from the 1950s to 1970s, working as an advisor to

NASA. He briefed the astronauts of the Apollo missions before their ascent to the moon, and conducted experiments following many robotic space expeditions that explored the outer reaches of space. One of his greatest achievements as a scientist included discovering the greenhouse effect on Venus and seasonal changes on Mars due to windblown dust. His efforts in the fields of planetary science and exobiology led to his reception of the Public Welfare Medal from the National Academy of Sciences, the organization's greatest award, for "his ability to capture the imagination of millions and to explain difficult concepts in understandable terms."

facts courtesy of science.discovery.com

## Rolling Stone Magazine's First Publication (November 9, 1967)

Borrowing \$7,500 to fund the first issue, college dropout Jann Wenner and music critic Ralph J. Gleason founded Rolling Stone in San Francisco, a magazine named after a Muddy Waters song with a cover featuring John Lennon. Its first pressing was printed in tabloid newspaper format with black ink and few pictures. The magazine was originally associated with the hippie counterculture of the place and time, but broke away from initial stereotypes of underground publications at the time by featuring traditional journalism

and well-written stories from all corners of popular culture. Chief editor Wenner, who continues to hold that position to this day, wrote in the first edition that Rolling Stone is "not just about the music, but about the things and attitudes that music embraces," a motto which encapsulated the magazine's purpose at the time. Throughout the years, the magazine would embrace various formats and subjects of strong criticism, yet it built a strong circulation that allowed the magazine to publish over a thousand issues to date.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.org

## Dylan Thomas (Died November 9, 1954)

Welsh poet Dylan Thomas was born on October 27, 1914, the son of a father who was a professor of English Literature. With the genetic makeup to become a skilled writer, Thomas was raised to love rhythmic ballads from famous poets like Edgar Allan Poe and W.B. Yeats. Despite his love of reading, Thomas was a poor student and dropped out of school at 16 to pursue a career in journalism; however, by 1932 he was a full-time poet, winning the Poet's Corner book prize. His first collection of poetry, 18 Poems, was released to widespread acclaim. Thomas' success in developing Romantic-based poetry was praised, but his personal life consisted of a serious drinking problem that contin-



ued to escalate. His later poetry would feature more erotic themes, and his first visit to America occurred in 1950 to participate in a tour of wildly popular poetry readings, where the flamboyant Thomas could read his poetry in passionate glory. He would sign on for three more poetry reading tours before his last show in New York City, where he would collapse and pass away from acute alcohol poisoning.

facts courtesy of poets.org

## Book review: "Slaughterhouse-Five"

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

Originally I considered not even giving Kurt Vonnegut's "Slaughterhouse-Five" a mention. I felt unsure about reviewing it not because it doesn't deserve one, but because it doesn't need one.

Then, all of a sudden, a flock of references to Vonnegut and "Slaughterhouse-Five" kept appearing in my life, and I figured I should write this as an explanation and preview to those who do not know the book, and a reminder to those that do.

The book concerns Billy Pilgrim, an American and former prisoner of war in World

War II in Dresden, Germany who becomes "unstuck in time."

This is made possible, according to Billy, by the Tralfamadorians, aliens who abduct him and put him in the equivalent of a zoo.

As a result, the narrative jumps around in non-sequential order between moments from all different points in Billy's life in a way which is both easy to follow and inventive.

The idea behind the Tralfamadorians, whose description is almost absurd in nature, is brilliant, and what Vonnegut brings forth using them is nothing short of amazing.

From the opening lines

Vonnegut's humor shines through, and his wit and narration blends beautifully with the story being told and the ideas being shared. These ideas are complex at times, and they are demonstrated as described in the novel.

Each repeating expression, such as the famous refrain of "so it goes," and the voices of the characters all have significance to them, and there's gravity to the writing that mixes well with the humor.

This book is one of the most widespread and beloved books of our time and a recommendation from this reviewer is redundant at best. It truly does live up to its reputation.

10 out of 10.

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# Titus Andronicus' new LP "worth the time"

Jessica Thelen  
Voice Reporter

Titus Andronicus, a punk band hailing from New Jersey, released their third LP "Local Business" on October 23rd.

Titus is one of my favorite bands, so I was pretty excited. Yet despite my excitement, I was also a bit nervous.

Their 2010 concept album "The Monitor" is something to be reckoned with.

How could anything compete with an album blending Jersey, the Civil War, and punk?

Thankfully, "Local Business" is a great album in of itself.

It shows Titus experimenting with a new sound and even more emotional, introspective lyrics.

This album, more than any other Titus album to date, shows front man and lead guitarist Patrick Stickles' at his most vulnerable and his most thoughtful.

At first, the album was hard to get into but after a few more listens, it surely grew on me.

"Local Business" is a sadder and less angry record than their previous ones, and an avid fan may be tempted to scratch their head at the band's new sound.

Don't judge too harshly; the album is full of thought-provoking songs that tend to hit close to home.

The album is worth the time, especially for the eight minute centerpiece "My Eating Disorder," a confessional tune about Stickles' lengthy struggle with an eating disorder.

Not only does Stickles focus on his own unique eating disorder, he sings about anorexia, bulimia, and other disorders in a thought-provoking way; he doesn't make excuses, he just

speaks about what it is like to live this way and the struggles that a sufferer of an eating disorder experiences.

Some lines include, "No, I haven't had dinner yet, what about it?!" / It was so easy to say, it was my parents that destroyed my brain / It was angels that drove me insane / I wouldn't be alone with all the blame."

The song has a power and depth that I have not encountered in a song for quite some time and it is easily the best track on the album.

Even though "My Eating Disorder" is overwhelming in its greatness and candidness, there are plenty of other great tracks on the album.

The opening track, "Ecce Homo," starts the album off with a way that only a band like Titus Andronicus can pull off: "I think by now we have established, everything is inherently worthless. / And there's nothing in the universe with any kind of objective purpose."

Stickles reiterates the band's fondness for existentialism and nihilism; there isn't enough time and enough meaning in the world.

Although the song can be seen as depressing, it is actually a defiant, catchy romp that embodies philosopher Albert Camus' ideas of revolt and rebellion: the only way to survive in an indifferent world is to be conscious and revolt.

The third track, "Upon Viewing Oregon's Landscape With The Flood Of Detritus" is full of ear-wormy riffs and memorable lyrics.

The song focuses on how people hurry through life and get angry about the little things that get in the way of their day.

The song begins by talking about a car accident on the highway, and how the people caught in traffic only care about being late to work and not about the people that were hurt.

"In A Big City," tells the tale of Stickles' move from Jersey to New York City, and especially focuses on how different the city is compared to where he grew up.

He laments the fact that, instead of being seen as different, now he is "a drop in a deluge of hipsters."

But, moving to the city has allowed some of his dreams

to come true, so the move was well worth it, despite the changes.

"In A Small Body" follows and is another one of my favorites.

Here, Stickles speaks how people get caught in the machine of society and work; they don't have time to be themselves, they are just seen as a money-making tool.

This may seem like a cliché topic, but Titus keeps it fresh by saying, "Don't tell me I was born free;" don't tell them that you are free, because all of the evidence to the contrary says that you're not.

"Local Business" closes with the sorrowful, slow, "Tried To Quit Smoking," where Stickles speaks about his mistreatment of an ex-lover: "It is not that I wanted to hurt you / I just didn't care if I did."

It's a fitting ending to an album that is lyrically Stickles' way of airing out his dirty laundry.

"Local Business" proves not only that punk is not dead: it is alive and well and full of introspective lyrics that make you think.



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## Eleven seniors end their Westfield football careers with 14-9 win

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday, November 3, the Westfield State Owls football team concluded their season with a 14-9 victory at home over Fitchburg State.

With the win, the Owls finished the season with a record of 3-7.

The game itself was a perfect illustration of Westfield's season as a whole: a defense that has a susceptibility to giving up huge pass plays, a line-backer core that will fight and lead a defense and an offense that seemed a little out of place because of injuries.

Without leading running back Michael Mercadante, who missed the final three games of the season due to injury, Westfield turned to running back Brian Beauchemin, who had been

used more as a blocking back during the season.

Beauchemin had showed flashes in the past that he could be a dependable running back and he took his opportunity to step up in the last game and was a huge reason why the Owls were able to take control of the game in the second half.

His 93 yards on 18 carries with one score was key for Westfield as the offense struggled in the first half.

The first half was sloppy, as both teams could not do much except for a huge pass play from Fitchburg that set up a field goal. The Owls couldn't get anything moving on offense.

Freshman quarterback Erik Washburn threw two interceptions but was helped out in the second half from Kane Terilli, who caught eight passes for 126 yards and one score in the game.

It appeared in the second half that Washburn threw quicker passes and didn't roll out as much, which helped him get the ball away faster. Washburn was 14-31 for 174 yards passing in the game.

The game was close throughout thanks in large part to the Owls front seven stepping up and making some huge plays.

Seniors Chris Walker, Dan Dowling and Justin Ehrhardt were huge as usual. Senior defensive back Mike Szydlowski had a key interception in the fourth quarter, which added to his season total of six on the year.

Fitchburg had a chance late in the game to try and make a comeback but a late running into the kicker penalty derailed their chances, allowing Westfield's 11 seniors to finish their careers with a victory.

Senior defensive lineman Chris Walker, whose career has been marred by injuries, still lead the team in sacks with five and was a constant force for the Owls.

"So much hard work, so much emotion and really can't put it into words," Walker said about his WSU career after the game.

He also said that the injuries he had made him work harder.

"You can't live with regrets in this game," Walker added. "Never give up, once you face adversity like that you just got to step up and keep working hard."

Captain Justin Ehrhardt, who finished the season with 100 tackles, said he couldn't believe it was over when talking about his four years as an Owl and praised his coaches for believing and supporting him

throughout his career.

Linebacker and punter Dan Dowling said winning his final game felt great and that he had accomplished a lot at Westfield and is going to miss "his teammates and coaches, because they were like brothers to me."

Finally, Kevin Parnell said, "even though the season didn't go as well as we had planned, finishing off with a W is great."

He also was optimistic for the team next year. "The team is young and will improve a lot. I can't wait to come back next year and see these guys dominate."

Parnell is right with his prediction, as the Owls will return many key young players to the team next year including a healthy Mercadante in the backfield and a more experienced Washburn under center.

## Westfield men's soccer stuns Salem State to earn NCAA Tournament bid

*WSU Athletic Department*

The third-seeded Westfield State Owls upset the top-seeded Salem State Vikings 3-0 on Sunday afternoon, November 4, to claim the 2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Championship at Alumni Field.

Westfield State (9-9-2) earns their first conference crown since 2006, and will now represent the MASCAC in the NCAA Tournament next weekend.

The Owls of first-year head coach John Evans are peaking at the right time as they have only allowed one goal (on penalty kick) in the past five games.

Salem State, which has reached the conference title game the past four years, ends

their season with an 11-7-1 record.

The Owls were able to strike early when Jon Principato (Stoneham, MA) beat the defense and headed a cross from Bill Lund (Monson, MA) in the 7th minute.

The Vikings' almost tied the score in the 20th minute when Saimir Zepaj (Peabody, MA) passed to Matt Figueiredo (Wilmington, MA) whose header went just wide.

Westfield State missed a scoring chance later in the half when Matt O'Neill (Southwick, MA) countered with a rocket at point-blank range, but Salem State goalie Scott Hall (Waltham, MA) made a terrific stop to preserve the 1-0 score.

The Owls later increased their lead to 2-0 when Dan Brady (Wilbraham, MA) put a loose ball in front of the Vikings' goal

into the back of the net to give his team the lead at halftime. Westfield State dominated possession in the first half, and controlled the tempo by limiting the Vikings' leading-scorer Eryk Fernandez (Nipomo, CA) to just one shot on goal in the half.

Salem State came out strong in the second half, but Fernandez was denied when Owl's goalie Kris Carrington (Agawam, MA) made a fingertip save on a shot attempt into the top right corner. Westfield State played strong on the back end and limited the Vikings scoring chances until Zepaj had another opportunity for Salem State, but his shot just arced over the crossbar with Salem State still trailing 2-0 late in the period.

Westfield State's O'Neill finally put the game away when



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Westfield State captains, left to right, Jon Principato, Jared Spicer and Bill Reagan proudly hold the MASCAC championship trophy.

he assisted Mike Stackhouse (Wakefield, MA) on a score in the 86th minute, which secured the 3-0 the win.

Hall gave a strong effort in net for the Vikings with

six saves while the Owls' Carrington stopped five shots in the shutout. Salem State held a slight 15-13 edge in shots, and took five corners to Westfield State's two.

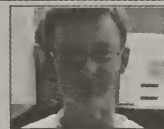


# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



As week 10 in the NFL arrives, we have a large enough sample size to make some educated guesses on what teams will be doing this February.

Changes will be made by front offices for those already hovering at five or more losses come this offseason.

It seems there are clubs who recycle coaches each year like Kansas City, Cleveland, Oakland and Miami. This season poses some interesting scenarios with the potential of three or more highly profiled coaches on the market.

Due to a highly talented roster failing to produce over the past two seasons, veteran

coach Andy Reid could become unemployed by January.

Reid maintains an overall record of 129-84-1 with Philadelphia, tallying the longest tenure of any current NFL coach.

The drama plagued Dallas Cowboys led by Jason Garrett may have an open vacancy if the team continues its inconsistent slide.

Owner Jerry Jones has shown time and time again his lack of patience by terminating coaches without regard.

With Dallas potentially becoming buyers this offseason in a new coach, former coordinator Sean Payton may listen to a pitch made by Jones in the

months to come following his suspension.

The NFL has voided Sean Payton's contract extension with New Orleans signed in 2011, essentially making Payton a free man at the start of 2013.

If presented with the opportunity, will Payton return to Dallas where he spent three seasons? The job was his to take following Bill Parcells' departure, but New Orleans ended up acquiring his services in 2006.

After a quick start to this season, Mike Shanahan and the Washington Redskins featuring Robert Griffin III looked as if they would become a serious contender. Washington is head-

ing into their bye week riding a three game losing streak with Philadelphia, Dallas, New York (Giants) and Baltimore on the horizon.

The once exceedingly talented coach has accumulated a 14-27 record in the nation's capital, which warrants the possibility to send him packing.

Another intriguing prospect would be ESPN's Jon Gruden stepping away from the broadcasting booth to reclaim a spot in the NFL.

Each year there are whippers as to whether or not Gruden would leave his high paying gig with the Monday Night Football crew. This year is no different as

teams both in the college ranks and the NFL would welcome his arrival with open arms.

Although Gruden has fielded offers in the past from top end college programs, the NFL is where he belongs.

The impact of an NFL coach goes unmatched by any other sport. We see evidence in San Francisco and Baltimore with the Harbaugh brothers that a change in scenery could mark the turning point for a franchise.

For many of these highly respected coaches, a new city and promising opportunities are all they need to change a team's future.

## Opinion: Looking at the top teams in college football and the Heisman chase

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

It's that time of year once again in college football folks. With only a couple of weeks left it is time to start thinking about who will win the Heisman Trophy and who will play in the National Championship Game.

Now I don't want to toot my own horn, but I did predict last year that Robert Griffin III would win the Heisman during week three of the season last year, but that was last year.

This year the Heisman race really is down to three players. Those three players are the electrifying running back Kenjon Barner of Oregon, the emotional leader of the Fighting Irish Manti Te'o, and do-it-all quarterback Collin Klein of Kansas State.

Each player has had their so called "Heisman moment" this year, whether it was Klein going off against West Virginia while accumulating 29 touch-

downs through the air and on the ground during the season, or Te'o's great games against Michigan State and Oklahoma, or Barner's career game against USC, running for 321 yards and five touchdowns.

There will be other candidates invited to New York City for the ceremony, like Braxton Miller of Ohio State or AJ McCarron of Alabama, but neither of these two players has the stats (McCarron) or is better than the players ahead of them (Miller).

But nonetheless, there can only be one winner, and before I will say my choice for the Heisman, let's break down the top three candidates.

I'll start with Barner who, yes, has some amazing stats that cannot be argued, but other than the USC game, where has he stepped up and had that amazing game?

I expect these numbers from Oregon running backs — they are going to put up points, just like other fast-paced offenses. What I need to see from Barner is how he handles the

rest of the season. Will he have another great game against Cal or Stanford?

He needs to have huge games down the stretch if he wants to garner the votes from voters in the east and southeast portion of the country.

When talking about Te'o, it has to be mentioned that he has played through some horrific things, and he's someone who I highly respect.

The game he played against Michigan State after his grandmother and girlfriend both died that week is simply amazing and should be applauded.

However, the sad truth is that it is extremely difficult to get Heisman respect when playing only defense.

The only time a Heisman Trophy winner was on defense was Charles Woodson who played cornerback at Michigan, but also played some offense.

The only way that Te'o has a chance of winning the trophy is if Notre Dame goes undefeated and both Oregon and Kansas State lose. That is really

the only way I see it.

Finally, you have Collin Klein who is not the greatest pocket passer in the world, but who's powerful and finesse running style has been huge for the Wildcats this year.

He reminds me of former Wildcat quarterback Michael Bishop who was coached by Bill Snyder and played briefly for the Patriots in the NFL.

Klein right now is the frontrunner, and the rest of the season he goes up against defenses that are not that strong, so expect him to put up some big numbers.

Thus, unless Barner runs for 300 yards the next three weeks, I don't see anyone snatching the top spot away from Klein, who should be the Heisman Trophy winner this year. Briefly looking at the chase for the BCS National Championship, it comes down to four teams at the moment, those being Alabama, Oregon, Notre Dame and Kansas State.

Right now, the team that has the most momentum is

clearly Oregon, who is coming off a big victory at USC and whose remaining schedule is better than both Kansas State and Notre Dame.

Alabama, who was tested last week against LSU and probably should have lost that game, has tough matchups against Texas A&M and Georgia.

But neither of those teams have the line play to compete with Bama's offensive line or the defense to stay with the Crimson Tide.

Notre Dame makes a good case for having a total all-around schedule compared to Oregon, but they will most likely drop in the rankings when they plays weak teams like Boston College and Wake Forest in the next two weeks.

Finally, Kansas State doesn't have any top teams on their remaining schedule to move them up in the rankings.

So unless we see an Oregon or Alabama loss, those will be the two teams playing for the National Championship in January.



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**Scorpio**  
(October 23 – November 21)  
You may feel your faith in the stars lacking this week, but don't worry they won't be disappointed in you. They never had any faith in you to begin with. Might be time to find some new stars to follow.

**Sagittarius**  
(November 22 – December 21)  
There is no escape for you. There is no hope of change. There is only what the fates desire, and this week you are just along for the ride so hold on tight.

**Capricorn**  
(December 21 – January 20)  
There are certain parts of your life to come that you may just want to punch in the face. That is not advisable. Instead, you will want to roundhouse kick those problems in the face. The difference between the two courses of action will change your life.

**Aquarius**  
(January 21 – February 19)  
The stars have absolutely wonderful news for you this week. If you follow the steps listed, all of your dreams will come true! First, you (oops, it appears I'm out of room, never mind)...

**Pisces**  
(Feb. 20 - March 20)  
It would be a good idea to take the next financial advice you hear, as regardless of the financial results you will learn valuable life lessons from your venture.

**Aries**  
(March 21 - April 20)  
Due to a bit of miscommunication, this week you will want to check the horoscope for Taurus for what you should look out for next week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Taurus**  
(April 21 – May 21)  
Due to a bit of miscommunication, this week you will want to check the horoscope for Aries for what you should look out for next week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Gemini**  
(May 22 – June 21)  
The wind will be at your back this week and push you forward further down your path to whoever you want to become in life. Don't let any negative thoughts or a bad environment stand in your way.

**Cancer**  
(June 22 – July 22)  
You may feel as though a hurricane has been following you around this week. As a matter of fact, you are the only one that metaphorical hurricane is following around. No one else is even remotely feeling anything like a storm.

**Leo**  
(July 23 – August 23)  
Sorry Leos, but the hurricane has caused interference with our supernatural phone lines, making us unable to reach the stars for questions about how your personal life will fare this week. Try again next week!

**Virgo**  
(August 24 – September 22)  
This week you may feel the urge to obtain and use limitless power. It is recommended that you do indeed use this unlimited power, as you will make great strides in both your career and your love life.

**Libra**  
(September 23 – October 22)  
If you are feeling unsatisfied as to where your life is at the moment, you may wish to try becoming the person you never hoped you would become. It may open a few doors that were previously closed to you.



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# The Westfield Voice

## The Student Press of Westfield State University

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Issue VIII

## Westfield State campus expansion extends into 2018

**Joshua Frank**  
Voice Reporter

When people visit Westfield State University, it is impossible not to notice the changes and the updates that are happening around campus.

With the completion of University Hall set for July 2013 and renovations to the Campus Center, students will be offered new resources they were once restricted to.

However, the construction doesn't end with University Hall and the Ely Campus Center. Construction is planned to continue until the year 2018.

A new academic building will be the newest addition to the growing campus.

The academic building will be located behind Wilson hall, facing the commuter parking lot.

This building will upgrade science labs, as well as take class rooms out of New Hall and Mod Hall.

The building will also allow room for criminal justice to be back on main campus.

In a meeting with the Student Government Association, President Dobelle assured students that the construction of

this building won't affect student fees.

This is due to the fact that academic buildings are funded by the state.

In the year 2014, Westfield State will have full ownership of Juniper Park Elementary School.

Updates to this building will be essential to transform it to a college academic building.

Some plans in renovation include updates in classrooms, bathrooms, and technology. The building is planned to focus on performing arts and music.

In a meeting with the Student Government Association, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Dr. Curt Robie said, "We are going to do some preliminary work on Juniper Park school which is coming back to

the University for our own use in 2014. Right now we are hoping it will be used as a Fine Arts building in the future."

Administration sees this as an opportunity to give these departments the upgrades they have been longing for.

Future plans also include renovations of Parenzo and Bates Hall. The three-phase project is projected to be com-

pleted by 2018.

"I think that the new academic building will be good for the development of different majors on campus," said Rebecca Livingstone, who is a sophomore majoring in psychology.

Overall, while the construction may cause some personal inconveniences, it will create major upgrades throughout the campus.



*photo by Voice staff*

Construction on University Hall is well underway. The back half looks nearly completed, but, for now, students in Lammers can see clear into the front half of the building as workers continue on their way to completion.

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Fri - 6:30am-7:30pm  
Sat - 10:00am-6:00pm

# Quick Hits

**Friday, November 16**

2:30p.m.

Julius Caesar  
Ely Studio Theatre

7:30p.m.

WSU Dance Company  
Dever Stage

**Saturday, November 17**

5:30p.m.

Ice Hockey vs.  
Framingham State  
Amelia Park

8:00p.m.

Magician Josh McVicar  
Loughman Living Room

**Sunday, November 18**

7:30p.m.

Student Recital: Emily  
Stewart & Amy Brown  
Dever Stage

8:00p.m.

Board Games  
Ely Main Lounge

## Two weeks of Student Government updates

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

On Tuesday November 6, 2012 SGA had three guest speakers: Tom Raffensperger, the director of the library, Ashiah Richeme, the residence director of Dickinson Hall, and Sue LaMontagne, the Dean of Students.

Raffensperger spoke to the Senate about the campus library and the new renovations. Richeme came to talk about a Habitat for Humanity trip to Buffalo, New York during Spring Break 2013. LaMontagne came down to propose the idea of a transportation terminal in Downtown Westfield that could be used by the University.

Taylor Fote, Vice Presi-

dent of Student Life, brought a sensitive topic to the Senate from the Substance Advisory Board. Fote proposed three questions to the Senate: Could they change the current drug policy? How would they change it? And would they choose to keep it the way it is?

Josh Frank, the Vice President of Finance, brought a finance proposal to allocate a sum of money to the EMS club to purchase supplies for their group. After discussion in the Senate, the finance proposal was passed.

On Tuesday, November 13, SGA had two guests. The first guest was Joshua Hettrick from Residential Life. He came to speak about housing and the implementation of University Hall. University Hall will be open in Fall 2013 with 400 beds

for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The idea of Scanlon Hall turning into a first year only dorm was also brought up. There will be a housing survey be e-mailed to all students on campus. The second guest was Laurie Simpson from academic advising to speak about advising and registration and to get feedback from the Senate.

Stephanie Close, SGA President, spoke about a referendum question that was e-mailed to all students.

This referendum is to continue having students on governance committees on campus. It is important that all students take the opportunity to vote to have student representation on these committees to keep a student voice in these meetings.

Tom Durkee, a student

representative on Food Committee, told Senate about a very important survey being sent out by Sodexo in the coming week. With upcoming construction on Wilson Hall, Quixote's will be gone and Sodexo is depending on student input to help decide what will go in its place.

Michelle Hanney, SGA's Vice President of Programming, told Senate that tickets for the annual C.A.B. New York City bus trip will go on sale Friday morning. If you have any questions contact the C.A.B. Facebook page, Twitter page, or contact Michelle directly at [vpprogramming.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:vpprogramming.sga@westfield.ma.edu).

The Student Government's next meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 5:30. All meetings are open to the public.



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## The invisible 12 percent: Undergrads over 25 have their own unique story to tell

**Bonnie McEwan**  
Voice Reporter

Kathy, 47, is a Special Education major that took time off from college to care for a sick family member. She is getting closer to graduation but says it is getting tough.

She enjoys night classes because she feels her input is more valued there. In her experience, the younger, more traditional age students don't always relate well to older students.

While she said she has met some great younger students in her courses, she also has dealt with others who seem rude and have left her out of important group skill building course work.

The next time you're studying in the library or grabbing a snack in Wilson, take a look around- you may see one of the approximately 647 Westfield State University undergraduates age 25 or over.

These students are men and women, whether first time or returning to college after a break. They may be already established in their career or look-

ing for a change.

Maybe they are married or parents or caring for other family members. Despite all these other commitments on their time, they have also chosen to attend WSU and pursue their dream of a Bachelor's degree.

A small community to be sure, but sizeable enough; according to the National Center for Education Statistics' website, 12% of Westfield State University's 5397 undergraduates are students age 25 and older.

WSU English professor Nancy Keyes believes that these older students have a sense of responsibility when it comes to their courses, especially since they may be attending to change or increase their career opportunities.

Professor Keyes says she gets the sense from many older students that they are not alone in their educational pursuits; their families support and encourage them along their path to a degree.

She believes older students set the example for their children and even other parents who see them working toward

their educational goal and think, "If he can do it, I can too."

Sometimes returning to school after a hiatus can be eye opening. Susan, 34, said getting her Bachelor's degree was tough because her studies were secondary to paying the bills.

She said the biggest eye opener for her was that when she returned to school she no longer felt that teachers and professors were the authority figures looming large. It was, in fact, rather disillusioning for her.

She says she now feels intellectually on par with professors and instructors, and is disappointed that she has lost that sense of admiration and respect. Susan emphasized strongly however, that she didn't receive her Bachelor's degree at Westfield State University.

Mixed in our college community, there are these and many other older students with their own stories to tell.

They balance work, families, bills, and other responsibilities along with the course load, but this 12% has something very important in common with the 88% traditional age students- they want to be Westfield State University graduates.

## Coffey Break with D.J. Nickerson

by *Kylie Coffey*



Hometown: Lewiston, NY  
Major: Criminal Justice

*How did you end up at Westfield State?*  
My cousin, who used to go here, had me visit and I liked it.

*What is your favorite thing on the Taco Bell menu?*  
Steak Chaulupa.

*Describe a typical Thursday for you.*  
Working at Tommy D's.

*What are your favorite sports teams?*  
Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Sabres, Boston Red Sox.

*What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?*  
Making my Dad dress up like a turkey and whoever shoots him with a paintball first wins.

*Who would you like to see play at the Spring Weekend Concert?*  
The Wiggles.

*What do you want to be when you grow up?*  
A pilot.

*What has been your favorite Westfield memory so far?*  
Meeting my girlfriend, Sarah.

*If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

## The Social Group: Nights of board games, themed parties and dinner with friends

**Alyssa Legare**  
Voice Reporter

Just as the title suggests, the Social Group is a fairly new group of students who participate in many activities together. They are on campus, and looking to expand their horizons.

They meet once a week,

in the Banacos Academic Center. Some of the things they have done together include: going out to eat, game nights, themed parties, and they recently had a Wii night.

For the first time, this Saturday, they are spending a day at the Holyoke Mall. Transportation is provided to all off-campus events.

For their next activity,

The Social Group will be having breakfast on Thursday, November 15th in the Tekoa Room off of the Dining Commons. This is a great group for students looking to get involved, and it is not too much of a time commitment.

If you are interested, please E-mail [mrizk@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:mrizk@westfield.ma.edu), for updates on their activities.

# Gluten-free in the DC

**Tom Durkee**  
Voice Reporter

Students with food allergies are everywhere, some more prominent than others, but none more prominent than those with Celiac Disease, or gluten intolerance. This allergy is gaining so much prominence in fact, that the Dining Commons has added an area dedicated to students that have it.

This area, known as "My Zone," allows students with the gluten intolerance to prepare meals that are safe for them to eat. This station was the brainchild of Resident Dining Manager Maria Lees, who in 2010 proposed the creation to both Westfield State University and Sodexo. Lees currently works with twelve students that have gluten intolerance, four of whom are severely allergic and have Celiac Disease. Her goal was to create a menu that will cater not only to their nutritional needs, but to their taste buds as well.

One of those students is junior Sarah Dowd. Dowd discovered that she had gluten intolerance in June of this year when she visited her doctor complaining of constant stomachaches after eating. Following a blood test, Dowd discovered that she had an allergy to gluten, a component in wheat, barley and grain products – staples in the average American diet.

Dowd said she could tell gluten was having a negative effect on her health last semester when she would lose motivation or not want to get out of bed. "I felt very tired all the time and would sometimes go to bed early because my stomach was in pain – It was definitely affecting my quality of life."

Although Dowd doesn't technically have Celiac Disease, she said that gluten intolerance like hers could quickly turn into Celiac Disease if glu-

ten continues to be consumed. "If you have gluten intolerance, which is less severe than Celiac Disease, but you keep eating things that contain gluten, your condition could worsen, so it's better to stay away from it early on," Dowd said.

Sodexo works to make sure that students like Dowd have access to food options that do not contain gluten, so that they can maintain their health. Lees stated, "Many people with food allergies become malnourished – and that's really bad." Maria Lees and her daughter, Farina Lees, the Director of Marketing and Promotion for Sodexo, feel strongly about making sure students are eating and having options when it comes to their meals.

Farina Lees stresses that when dealing with a food allergy as a college student eating in the dining area, communication with staff is a must. Farina Lees said, "With students that have allergies, we really ask that they come and work with us, so that we can make them special prepared meals that don't include those allergens."

Even with all of the accommodations made for students with gluten intolerance, many students feel that there are still improvements that can be made. Michelle Brown, who is also gluten intolerant, is one of those people. Brown has dealt firsthand with the serious health issues that accompany it.

Like Dowd, Brown discovered her allergy in June when she would become very ill, have terrible cramping and severe stomachaches. Since removing gluten from her diet, Brown said she has felt better and is able to accomplish more.

She feels that improvements in the gluten-free offerings in the dining commons are necessary. "Although I feel that they have good intentions, I find myself unsatisfied with the selections. The gluten-free area

also empties out quickly and the selection is limited."

Maria and Farina Lees also feel there is room for improvement. Maria Lees feels that more could be done to increase variety and service of gluten-free foods, but it comes down to factors that are sometimes out of her control. However, she did work to secure a new vendor for gluten-free products in the Dining Commons last semester. After months of contract negotiations, US Foods is now supplying products for the "My Zone" gluten-free area. Farina Lees said she believes an updated area for the "My Zone" section will be a welcome upgrade to the services that the Dining Commons can provide.

"I would love to see a specific separate station that offers gluten-free products because it will allow us to make sure that it is completely safe for these students as well as the ability to offer more items with the increased space," Farina Lees said. Whatever a student's dietary needs, they are encouraged to stop by the dining services offices located in the dining commons and speak to Maria or Farina Lees about their specific concerns. They can be reached via e-mail at [mlees@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:mlees@westfield.ma.edu) or [flees@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:flees@westfield.ma.edu) and encourage students to take an active voice in their food and meals.

As gluten intolerance increases, students should know that these students are capable and although there diets may be different, they don't feel belittled by their differences. They do everything a normal college student does; they just run on a different fuel sometimes.

Michelle Brown thinks that just because students have a food allergy, they shouldn't feel judged when eating at the Dining Commons or anywhere in public. She says, "I don't want people to think I'm weak...because I'm not."

## Editor's Desk



The paper is packed this week! Thanks to all the students who submitted papers for their journalism classes. I know you did it to get a good grade, but it will add a great line on your resume as well! We are *always* accepting submissions from classes, etc. We print everything that we get, as long as it's appropriate. So don't worry about not "getting accepted" because we accept everyone! Everyone's voices deserve to be heard.

I can't believe Thanksgiving snuck up on us so quickly. Only a few weeks left! It's insane! I would say that it feels like this semester flew by, but I've been saying that at the end of every semester. Because it's true! Our time here as gone by insanely fast. I'm so thankful for all of my experiences and opportunities. Keep in mind what Thanksgiving is all about - it's not just about the food! Have a good holiday!

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## Intern's Desk



### "Be a Voice, not an echo"

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

- Maya Angelou

Mary Zagula, Westfield Voice Intern



## The Great American Smokeout at WSU

Smoking is the number one cause of preventable death in Massachusetts, yet 8,000 MA residents die each year from smoking.

Research has shown that 77% of MA smokers want to quit, yet they need support in doing so.

For many people, quitting smoking is one of the most difficult things they have ever done. November 15th marks the Great American Smokeout, an initia-

tive of the American Cancer Society to encourage healthy choices by halting tobacco use.

Recognizing the importance of providing support for smokers attempting to quit through sharing quit stories, on November 13th, Westfield State University and the Hampden County Tobacco-Free Community Partnership will host the Ex Smokers' Hall of Fame at Father Dean's Dining Commons during the lunch period from 11

a.m. through 2 p.m.

Dr. Tom Pirnie, Tobacco Cessation Facilitator, will be present to provide information on hypnotherapy services available through Westfield State University.

These activities support Westfield State University's Tobacco-Free Campus initiative, which took effect on September 1, 2012, and are sponsored by Westfield State University Health Services.

### What: Ex-Smokers Hall of Fame Event

When: Tuesday, November 13, 2012

11am-2pm

Where: Westfield State University/  
Father Dean's Dining Commons



## Tobacco ban forces smokers to sidewalks

**Joshua Castillo**  
Voice Reporter

If you are driving along Western Ave. and look at the sidewalks, you will see students and faculty just standing there smoking cigarettes.

Westfield State has become "tobacco free" this year and now anyone that wants to smoke has to go out onto the sidewalk.

Some people believe that this really doesn't make the school look like a good place to be when all you see are people smoking out in front of university buildings.

In regards to WSU's new smoking policy, Brian Cahillane, Assistant Director at the campus' Counseling Center,

said that they held an open forum a few years ago where they discussed the issue of individual smoking on campus.

At said meeting, complaints surfaced about three main issues: having to walk through clouds of smoke, smoke drifting into dorm rooms/faculty offices, and the effects of the smoke exposure on certain students' medical conditions.

"It is no secret that second-hand smoke can be just as dangerous as if one were smoking themselves," said Cahillane. "If you are not choosing to smoke, you should not be subjected to others' smoke in public places."

As a former smoker himself, Cahillane said that making it a rule not to smoke in his house helped him to try not to

smoke anymore.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2012, said there would be designated smoking areas.

There would be one by Ely and one by Davis, where smokers would be provided a specific spot where they could smoke.

With winter approaching, it is assumed that not many people want to walk all the way to the sidewalk just to have a cigarette.

In this respect, these designated areas would be beneficial, not only by helping to solve the newfound concern of the "smokers' area" and the effect that might have on WSU's image, but would be far enough from buildings where non-smokers wouldn't be bothered by the smoke.

## Editor's Desk



*Turkey for me,  
turkey for you.  
Let's eat the turkey,  
in my big brown shoe.*  
- Adam Sandler

Since this is the only Thanksgiving song I know, I figured why not quote it?

I would like to wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving! I still have no idea what I'm doing for the holiday, but I do know that I will be with my family and stuffing myself with turkey and pumpkin pie (It's my favorite. Oh, and next month, I will make a "make work your favorite" reference. You've been warned.).

On that note, have a great holiday everyone! Eat up and be thankful! :)

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# Courtney Hall reaches Level 3 of CLEAR Community Plan

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

As of Wednesday, November 14th at 9:00 p.m., Courtney Hall will have 24-hour quiet hours due to the hall reaching Level 3 status under the CLEAR Community Plan.

The policy this year expands on the previous plan, which proved to be effective in its goal of lowering hall charges.

It now aims to not only reduce the cost of damages, but also improve the community that the students live in during their time on campus.

CLEAR, which stands for "connected, living, engaged, aware, and respectful," aims to combat the rising hall charges that face each residence hall using positive reinforcement. It uses a tiered system to assess damages and determine the punishments.

Since the start of school Courtney Hall has seen 65

charges related to personal trash, unsanitary actions, furniture damage, and the like. The majority of the damages were committed in the bathrooms, with some taking place in common areas such as the elevator, recycle area, and the kitchen—which was so heavily damaged that it has temporarily been shut down.

Courtney Hall took a hall-wide vote to determine whether or not the charges should be handled on a building-wide or floor-wide basis.

It was decided that it should be floor-wide, considering the charges for the 3rd floor alone trumped the charges for the 1st, 2nd, and 4th floors combined.

Although this may seem unfair, it only deals with the way that the resident will get charged. The punishments for reaching level three are hall-wide.

All residents will pay for damages done on their floors and in the common areas of the res-hall such as the laundry



*photo from Westfield State's Facebook page*

Courtney Hall decides to split the charges between hallways and not dorm-wide.

room, the kitchen, and the recycle area.

Joshua Hettrick, Assistant Director of Residential Life, encouraged students to come forward and take responsibility for the damages so the charges can be lowered.

"We hope that mov-

ing forward, you will take into consideration the impact this is having on your community and those who spend hours each day taking care of it," said Hettrick.

Nashalie Vasquez, Residential Director for Courtney Hall, echoed Hettrick's statements. Vasquez said, "If you

have any information regarding who is responsible for these damages, please feel free to come see me, e-mail me, call me at the number below, or slip a note under my door."

Nashalie Vasquez can be reached at [nvasquez@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:nvasquez@westfield.ma.edu).

## Five things you were and weren't expecting from college

**Michelle Bourget**  
Voice Reporter

Tossing your graduation cap into the air, feeling freedom flowing through your veins, happiness resides throughout the air around you; you realize that the time has finally come: college. But let's be honest. College is never what you expect it to be; or is it?

5 Things You Were Expecting:

College would be "like the movies": It is what you expected.

Westfield State University senior Tom Ludemann had a faint smile as he apologized for the cliché term: "like the

movies." "I was expecting it to be that very stereotypical, very rowdy atmosphere," he said. "And, depending on the campus and crowd, it can be."

You would be surrounded by mature people: It is what you expected.

In reality, every student entering college is expecting to meet new people, have new experiences, and learn new things.

And while every person is different, there is a major jump that separates high school students from that of college students. With more responsibilities, more multi-tasking and more communicating overall, for the most part, college students are more on the mature side of the scale.

You would have a heavy work load/schedule: It is not what you expected.

"I definitely thought that the classes would be harder and that I would never have any free time to socialize," said Westfield State sophomore Victoria Hedge. "I always thought I'd be doing something."

Most students find that they take a step backwards upon entering college, because it starts all first-years on the same level of basic general education courses. Of course, the workload progressively becomes harder throughout the years, but it always comes as quite the shock for first-years.

You thought you'd have more freedom: It is what you expected.

"You're more of your own person in college," said Tom Ludemann. "In high school, you were very constrained, and it's a very different atmosphere in college. You don't feel obligated to go to your courses, you actually want to, for the most part."

Lindsay Holmes, however, who attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst, was unsatisfied with her sense of "freedom".

"Freshman year in college is a huge transition," Holmes said, "and it can be more difficult for some people. Not everybody has a good experience."

When asked what kind of experience she would consider it to be, she replied, "a life ex-

perience."

You thought you would become more mature: This one is up to you.

This is something most people aspire to be by the time they reach or graduate college.

One of the more interesting and mostly wonderful things about the college atmosphere is all of the individual people that interact with and reflect on one another every day, so this expectation will vary with every unique individual. Professors in any college will tell you that "life is what you make of it."

Personally, I've learned to make this out of college: the clichés are clichés for a reason, and college is what you make of it.



# Staying sober in a not-so-sober world easier than you think

**David Lang Lois**  
Voice Reporter

Drinking, partying, and fun: Three words that have become synonymous with each other in the eyes of college students from all walks of life.

It's no secret that throughout the time spent on a college campus, most college students will find themselves in the presence of alcohol on more than one occasion.

For many, drinking serves as the staple of an active collegiate social life, from going to an off-campus party to spending the night in a friend's dorm room. Alcohol is everywhere,

anywhere, and seems to appeal to almost everybody.

But what about those that choose not to drink? Are they really part of such a vast minority of individuals?

"You may feel like you're the only one some days, but believe me, you're not," explains Brian Cahillane, Assistant Director of the Counseling Center here at Westfield State University. "There are a lot more students on campus that abstain from drinking than one might lead them to believe."

According to a recent survey conducted by the counseling faculty, as many as 23% of students attending the University completely abstain from

drinking. This essentially leaves as many as one out of every four individuals in the same boat.

It may be well and good that there are plenty of non-drinkers on campus, but what about a social life? One might assume that it's impossible to be social on a college campus without being around alcohol.

That is not the case. At times it may seem difficult to socialize while abstaining from alcohol, but there are plenty of individuals on campus who are managing just fine.

"Since coming to Westfield, I have never once felt pressured or left out of any social events due to my choice of staying sober," said sophomore

Tim Moskal. "It's all about the group of people you associate yourself with."

The majority of my friends don't drink or drink only every so often, so I've never felt the need to drink. I feel I have just as much fun being sober as those that drink do."

Sophomore Brian Hungerford shares a similar view. "I drink very rarely, but with that being said, I've never felt it a necessity to me having a good time," he said. "I can honestly say that my best memories as a college student are sober memories."

If looking for individuals of a like-mind when it comes to sobriety, Brian Callahan recom-

mends volunteer work, as there is a noticeable trend of gravitation between very light to non-drinkers and volunteering. If volunteering seems out of reach, academic clubs are also known to house a sizeable amount of sober members.

Staying sober while in college presents certain challenges that many individuals may not understand, and it's completely natural for one to feel alone or pressured on the matter.

However, there's a good percentage of students right here on campus that are on that same exact path of sobriety, and there are plenty of resources available to help those students stay on that path.

## Opinion: Drink and be merry but plan ahead before you drive

**Heather Welch**  
Voice Reporter

With the holidays fast-approaching, it is important to remember to not only have a joyous and memorable time, but to have them safely.

This year, 1,200 people will lose their lives during the holiday season as a result of alcohol-related car accidents.

Many believe that New Year's Eve is the night when the most alcohol-related driving accidents occur but they're incorrect; New Year's Eve runs a far-off second to the holiday that statistically has the largest number of drunk-driving fatalities - Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving break is coming up and the holiday cheer is everywhere. Many people know that Thanksgiving is a time with family, and people often feel the need to drink more while they're celebrating and having a good time with their family members.

However, this drunk-driv-

ing fact is no laughing matter. At one's next Thanksgiving dinner, give thanks for the health of those around and make sure that they get home safely.

According to an article on Edgarsnyder.com, in 2009, the total amount of fatalities due to car crashes in Massachusetts was 33,808, 10,839 of which were directly related to drunk driving.

A person's chances of being involved in a drunk-driving accident increase fiercely after every two beers they drink.

At the point when one has reached a six-pack or equivalent of, the chances of being in a drunk-driving accident are up to 44%.

With these facts alone, one should think before deciding to pick up the keys.

Samantha Mackenzie, a current Westfield State student, when asked if she drinks on Thanksgiving Eve, replied "Yes, I drink on Thanksgiving Eve. My friends and I go bar hopping and drink to have a good time, since everyone is finally home to see each other".

Mackenzie said, "I'm sure there have been times when people have said they were leaving from the bar or party and I didn't think twice about it and I guess you could say it is socially acceptable to look the other way because everybody usually does that, but it doesn't make it right."

Almost everyone drinks, especially during the holidays, but the key is to plan ahead.

If it is known that alcohol is going to be consumed, come up with a plan of action.

There are many alternatives to drunk driving, such as: getting a hotel/motel room, having a designated driver available, asking a friend/relative if they can pick you up and drop you off, staying at the place you're drinking, having a few drinks and then stopping three hours before driving home, getting a cab, etc.

Some "sobering myths," like drinking coffee or water to sober up, are incorrect, according to totaldru.com.

For every two alcoholic beverage it takes three hours to



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Drink and have fun during this holiday season, but use these tips to be careful and stay safe.

escape your system, according to Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of California, San Diego. So regardless of how much coffee you drink, if you are pulled over, the only sobering thought you'll have will be about the

amount of money that will be coming out of your wallet in fines and tickets.

Plan ahead before celebrating. There are many routes to take besides picking up the keys and driving. Drunk-driving should not be a factor.

# WSU drug culture and the changing view of marijuana use

**Cheyne Ordonio**  
Voice Reporter

*The names of students have been changed to protect their identities.*

On a mid-October night, a small breeze carried through Stanley Park.

Westfield State University students occupying a picnic table under the Children's Pavilion grasped at loose items, mostly cigarettes and little plastic bags, as the sound of rustling leaves along the tree line came to a crescendo.

And in the silence that followed, a single leaf, painted in the most regal red with golden yellow trimming, fell to the ground.

Across the table Kurt and his roommate Rob, both sophomores, seemed to be discussing something and, perhaps too inquisitively, someone asked what it was they were talking

about.

"Alright," said Kurt. "You saw that leaf fall, right? Well, I have a philosophy about that. You see, that leaf was just alive, but it sucked and just fell to the ground and died."

"It didn't get swept off into heaven by the wind; it didn't burst into flames in hell. It just fell down and died."

"And if you think about it, people are like that. One day, all of us are just going to fall down and die."

It's not a particularly happy philosophy, but after having heard Kurt repeat it several times since, before varied audiences, it's safe to say that it's an idea that permeates a significant portion of WSU's drug culture.

And as it spreads, it carries with it a kind of secular worldview, becoming a force that shapes the lives of the people who are a part of this community.

Participants in WSU's drug culture are many, varied,

and increasingly bold in their open use of marijuana.

According to the latest statistics available from the Office of Public Safety, from 2009 through 2011, WSU handled between 31 and 43 drug policy violations each year.

Shannon Broderick, Coordinator of Student Conduct, said there has been a noticeable raise in disciplinary actions this year, numbering over 20 already.

It would be impossible to relay all their stories and provide a perfect, all-encompassing, picture of this school's drug culture.

Nonetheless, a simple walk down Western Avenue after dark reveals plenty, and it doesn't take long to notice how patterns of behavior are shaped by societal forces.

There is, of course, the long standing cat-and-mouse game between the law and drug users.

Though decriminalized in small quantities, the possession

of marijuana and paraphernalia are still against school rules.

This drives students out of their residence halls and onto the sidewalk or, if they choose to be more adventurous, to Stanley Park (and various other locations).

Consequently, drug use in public or while trekking through the woods, instead of in a safe, private place, has become the "smart" choice.

Michael P. Foyle, a Lieutenant at the Office of Public Safety, said, "Every community has an interest in reducing drug use."

When asked what strategies or tactics were being used by the office to reduce drug use, Lt. Foyle called it a "loaded question" and said he simply follows the Constitution.

Broderick said that the school doesn't engage in any undercover investigations.

It's only when students get caught, typically by using marijuana in their residence hall rooms, and are found re-

sponsible that they are sent to a substance education class.

It would seem that the changing attitudes and laws about marijuana use have ripped much of the teeth out of enforcement, and a vast network of dealers, aided by technology, has grown widespread throughout campus.

Either by text message or Facebook, any student can get their hands on weed within minutes - someone always "knows a guy."

Perhaps the greatest forces changing the attitudes about marijuana use are the users themselves.

James, a guy who's fond of singing, "We're all human. We're all human," and his friend Peter were among those leading the charge to bring out the vote on campus, pushing for Elizabeth Warren and "Yes" on question three.

And while they may be succeeding in their aims to bring about the legalization of pot, it's still illegal for now.

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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

*Ramblings from a Noninterventionist*

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



It's finally over folks. After what seemed like years of political campaigning, the 2012 presidential election has finally come and gone.

I'm not sure what to write about in this column anymore. And what am I supposed to do with all the time I was previously devoting to reading about the election?

Most importantly, I guess it's time for me to get a new picture at the top of this column – the 2012 election is over, and Rob Donoghue received no votes.

I'm leaving the picture up there for one more week (in case you've never taken the time to admire my beautiful face "Obama-ized") but after Thanksgiving I'll be debuting a new photo.

But as I already stated, the real question left to settle now is what I should write about in this column for the remainder of the semester.

I'll no longer be able to make fun of the countless gaffes made by the Romney and Obama campaigns (mostly Romney though – not my fault he kept messing up) leading up to the election. Too bad, because that was a lot of fun.

The mainstream media seems to be focusing their post-election coverage on a few major topics. The first is that Mitt Romney and the Republican Party were either too far to the center or too far to the right leading up to the election.

In other words, moderate-Republicans are angry at the extreme-right wing of the party (what some refer to as the "Tea Party" wing of the party) for alienating too many voters with their ultraconservative views, while "traditional" Republicans

believe the party has strayed too far from its ideological roots and needs to focus on clarifying what the party truly believes in.

Either way, the Republican Party is in the midst of the proverbial post-election soul searching, but it's doubtful that the party's main ideals will be drastically altered.

While the fair and unbiased folks at Fox News are weeping away their election sorrows (and like Mitt Romney, trying to recover from their disbelief that more people supported President Obama), they need to think positive and realize that things will actually work out better for them with Romney losing the election.

For the past four years, the commentators on Fox have been able to complain on a daily basis and blame President Obama for everything wrong with the world. If Mitt Romney had won, what would they have to complain about? What would they even talk about?

Their ratings would plummet and Sean Hannity would be out of a job before you know it. So while Sean is most likely angrily writing another book full of unbiased knowledge, he should really be thanking the American people for allowing him to keep his job.

The second major idea being discussed right now is what the election victory means for Obama. Have the American people given Obama a mandate to push his economic and social agenda? Joe Biden said he believes the election was a mandate on the country's tax policy moving forward.

But do Americans by and large support tax increases for those making more than \$250,000? Does Obama have

the go-ahead for immigration reform (such as the DREAM Act) and liberal environmental regulations? And will the president continue his bipartisan gestures or move further to the left now that he'll never run for office again in his life?

Republicans in Congress certainly don't believe the president has a mandate and compromise still seems to be a foreign concept in Washington.

With some of the most bipartisan Senators leaving office in January, compromise may be even harder to achieve in the coming months.

But the more pressing matter is what this means in terms of the so-called "fiscal cliff" regarding tax increases, budget cuts and the growing national deficit.

Congress has a little over a month before they go on their holiday breaks, meaning that there isn't a lot of time before a decision regarding tax hikes and budget cuts set to go into effect on January 1, 2013 needs to be made.

Republicans refuse to raise taxes on individuals making more than \$250,000 a year, and this headline stance could easily end up hurting low- and middle-income families.

Republicans and Democrats also disagree over potential budget cuts (particularly regarding defense spending and social programs) and once again, no one seems eager to compromise.

Another last minute temporary deal may be reached, but neither party seems willing to enact the real economic reforms that are needed in order to move the economy forward and start reducing the federal deficit.

Will last week's elec-

tion change anything regarding these issues? The answer, sadly, is probably not.

Finally, the third big topic coming out of the election is of course 2016.

For the Democrats, will Hillary Clinton decide to run and dominate the primary field? What about Joe Biden, who said he doesn't think this past election was the last time he'll be voting for himself.

Then there are Andrew Cuomo, Deval Patrick, Martin O'Malley, and even Elizabeth Warren as potential candidates.

On the Republican side, Paul Ryan, Chris Christie, Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush, Bobby Jindal and Rand Paul are all considered potential candidates.

Of course, this is all just speculation (and we are just a week removed from the 2012 election for goodness sake) but it's fun to consider the possibilities. What about a Christie-Booker split ticket? Okay, now I'm just getting ridiculous.

One possibility that may soon become reality is another Massachusetts special election for U.S. Senate.

If John Kerry ends up being appointed and accepts the position of Secretary of State (or Secretary of Defense as some are reporting), Deval Pat-

rick would be able to appoint a temporary replacement, but a special election would have to be held between 145 and 160 days of the seat becoming vacant.

There would be a number of potential Democratic candidates, but Scott Brown is the only serious Republican candidate who could challenge for the position.

When Brown lost to Warren last week, I said with certainty that it would not be the end of his political career. Whether it's another run in a special election, or a run for U.S. Senate or Governor of Massachusetts in 2014, Brown is the face of the Republican Party in Massachusetts and has a lot of national support to boot.

If Brown wants to continue his political career, then I have a hard time believing we've seen the last of him in elected office.

As open-minded and meticulous as he's been as a U.S. Senator, I'll go on record as saying I hope it's not the last we've seen of Scott Brown.

Well that's all for this week boys and girls. Thanks as always for reading, and try not to eat too much pumpkin pie next week. Happy Turkey Day everyone!

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# Competency and Conservatism:

## Politicians promised compromise, Americans want to see it

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

The 2012 election has ended and the President has been re-elected. As time passes we are learning more about the outcome.

Mitt Romney failed to win Ohio, Florida and Virginia. These were crucial states that would have made the election extremely close.

In the final analysis, the President won in an electoral landslide. His campaign was completely accurate in their predictions. While the popular vote remained close throughout, it turned out to be safely in the hands of the Democrats.

I congratulate the President on his victory and wish him the best solving our nation's problems. As Americans, we have stark differences regarding government. Our system has been built to allow rigorous debate and at the same time to ensure the health of the republic.

However, the outcome of an election should end the hateful rhetoric of the campaign. Whether we choose to see it or not, the divisiveness has put our country in peril. We no longer have the energy to do the job at hand and as a result people suffer.

In his victory remarks, the President channeled the optimism of Reagan and called for an end to partisan gridlock.

He asked Americans to come together and do the "big things" necessary to ensure an American revival. While we will no doubt have our differences, we must not shrink in our resolve to do the right thing.

On the eve of the election, Mitt Romney said Americans should "reach across the street to the person with a yard sign for the other guy and work together." For the sake of our country I hope we can do that. The President and Mitt Romney have made glorious statements calling for compromise, we ought to hold them to it!

While some of us have a comfortable life, others are not so fortunate. People are homeless, hungry and desperate in some parts of this country. Others are seeing their homes disappear because they can't afford their mortgage. Students are getting out of school with more debt than they know what to do with.

The elderly are subject to the confines of a fixed income and social security benefits. Single mothers are forced to work multiple part time jobs just to provide for their families.

As the holidays approach, parents around the country are concerned about how to pay for Christmas. These same people might not have a full day off until after the New Year.

The real travesty is in the silent majority of Americans that don't feel any relief. They get up and go to work because



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A big question following the election is whether or not politicians in Washington will work together for a better America.

that's their character.

While politicians complain about not getting exactly what they need in order to strike a deal, the average American keeps his or her head down and does the right thing. Most Americans accept their fate and keep moving, without the option of questioning the system. To them this election was just another day.

I implore you to ask the clerk at your local grocery store if they feel a sense of optimism. Ask them if this election pro-

vided a mandate to fix their problems.

If politicians want the nation's citizens to believe in them, they should earn that trust. Every one of our leaders has the capacity for greatness. The so called "fiscal cliff" fast approaches, the American way of life hanging in the balance. Do we avert disaster or careen over the edge?

Throughout our short history, Americans have always felt that we could avoid the latter because we are the greatest

nation on earth. Our destiny was limited to the tenacity of our spirit. However, in the current situation, Americans are not so sure about this "hopey-changey stuff."

We've been misled by our leaders and fooled by eloquent explanations for failure. This time, we shouldn't give them a pass, if they can't rise to the occasion we should vote them out of office in the midterms.

This election was important and it did have far reaching implications. Americans need their hope restored and its up to our elected representatives to lead. For so many of our citizens, life is not what it should be.

Mr. President and members of Congress, please don't lose face on this momentous occasion; we need you more than ever.

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# Liberalism Today:

## Republicans have to “bow to the will of the people”

**Ryan Merceri**  
Voice Repoter

The election is now over, and the President is still in office.

This liberal is, of course, extremely excited. The question now becomes, what happens next?

The country needs change, yet voted for the status quo. Some people have argued that perhaps the American people aren't all that bright.

I'd argue that we don't want to let these guys off the hook just yet.

By voting for the status quo, the American people are basically forcing our government to reach a compromise.

What exactly is going to be done about the fiscal cliff?

Americans are terrified, thinking that if nothing gets done, they will wake up on January 2 with the sky falling.

The fact is this isn't the case, yet it is equally true that a deal must be made for the American government to avoid going into the abyss.

So what should be done? Here's the thing: The Republicans won't budge on higher tax rates for the wealthy.

The American people want to raise taxes on the wealthy as part of a coherent, rational compromise in which no one wins and no one loses. This is the nature of American democracy.

Yet Republicans refuse to budge, saying that they want “compromise” while demanding Democrats to meet them 80 percent of the way.

It's pathetic, and in this

liberal's opinion, signifies that some leading conservatives are putting their re-election, money, and party above country.

There are a lot of people suffering in this country.

Paul Ryan, that great sage of Catholic wisdom, has promoted cuts of over two trillion dollars to social welfare programs such as food stamps, Medicare and Medicaid, and other programs.

This is the measure of the Republican Party's resolve.

They would rather people starve to death than raise taxes on their rich friends.

This needs to end right now. People need to stop voting against their own interests.

Raising taxes on the top five percent by just a few percentage points puts the country on track for a balanced budget.

There don't even need to

be social welfare spending cuts to get to that balanced budget.

Any social welfare spending cuts should be viewed as a gift to the republicans in the spirit of compromise, not as a necessary piece of legislation to move this all forward.

If the President doesn't compromise, the Bush tax cuts would expire.

The average middle class family's taxes would go up 500 dollars; while the poor would see theirs increase only 100 dollars a year.

The payroll tax cut would also come to an end, but this is not a bad thing.

Yes short term, people would notice roughly 1,000 dollars a year more coming out of their paychecks, but this goes to Social Security.

By ending this tax, the long term solvency of Social

Security is almost solved, and with an additional raise in either the retirement age or the amount put into Social Security, the system will flourish and we, our children, and our children's children will all be able to retire safely.

More critically, the wealthy will see their taxes increase.

The President is going to win this battle. It's just a question of how.

If Republicans don't compromise, and fast, they will lose what little leverage they have.

Under Eisenhower, the top tax rate was 90 percent, and the country flourished.

There is no reason we can't go back to that, but the Republicans have to do their job and bow to the will of the people.

Otherwise, 2014 awaits.



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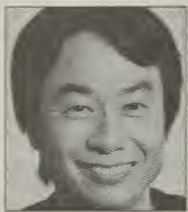
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# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Shigeru Miyamoto - Born Nov 16, 1952



Japanese video game designer Miyamoto was born in Kyoto, Japan, growing up near a forest and mysterious cavern that would become the inspiration for his later work. After graduating from industrial art school, Miyamoto's career path was not set in stone, as the designer once considered a career in manga art (Japanese comics). He joined Nintendo in 1979, striking gold two years later with the development of his first great concept, Donkey

Kong. After the franchise spawned two hit sequels for the arcade, Miyamoto turned his attention to branching out further, naming the game's protagonist Mario, giving him a brother named Luigi, and thus designing his most famous achievement, Mario Bros. Around 1985, the Nintendo Entertainment System had unveiled a new disk system peripheral, which changed home gaming forever. To prepare for the launch, Miyamoto developed Super Mario Bros. and what may be his most critically acclaimed franchise, The Legend of Zelda. The 1990s brought the invention of the Super Nintendo Entertainment System, with Miyamoto delivering the title Star Fox to the home console.

facts courtesy of wikipedia.org

## Thanksgiving - November 22

The first autumn harvest feast in America dates back to November 1621, a year after the Plymouth colonists first set foot on soil. The Wampanoag Indians shared their harvesting methods with the English settlers, who had successfully grown corn on their first try. William Bradford, governor of the Pilgrim colony at Plymouth, called for a celebratory feast to commemorate this achievement, and invited chief Massasoit and the rest of the allied Wampanoag tribe to join them. The meal lasted three days, and included fruit, vegetables and deer. We are not sure if turkey was offered during the feast, as

no official record of the menu exists. President George Washington designated "days of thanks" following his election and to commemorate the successful passing of the U.S. Constitution. In 1827, famed magazine writer and editor Sarah Josepha Hale would be responsible for acknowledging the idea to make Thanksgiving a national holiday, writing the children's rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in the process of campaigning her support. It would remain an unwritten tradition among Americans for over two hundred years, until President Abraham Lincoln ratified the holiday in 1863.

facts courtesy of history.com

## Niels Bohr - Died Nov 18, 1962

Danish-born scientist Bohr was born in Copenhagen in 1885. He was raised a protégé to his father, a Professor of Physiology at the University of Copenhagen, and taught the discipline of science by his mother, an educator. After earning his doctorate in 1911, he joined the scientific team of Sir J.J. Thomson and began experimenting with radiation. He published theories about the atomic structure that are taught and heralded to this day, especially when defining the physical and chemical properties of elements. This work would earn Bohr the Nobel Peace Prize for Science in 1922. Bohr would far outreach his father's achievements at the University of Copenhagen, holding the head position at the Institute of Theoretical



Physics until his death. His discoveries of nuclear fission in the 1930s lead to his recruitment into the Manhattan Project, a top-secret group of European and American scientists who developed the hydrogen bomb. Nuclear energy would be the primary focus of his career after World War II, and Bohr frequently made lectures promoting the peaceful use of atomic weapons, writing an open letter to the United Nations concerning this topic in 1950.

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## FALL 2012 EXAM SCHEDULE

### December 17 - Monday

8:00 - 10:00	Period 7 MWF & W Seminars
10:10 - 12:10	Period 6 MWF
12:20 - 2:20	Period 3 MWF
2:30 - 4:30	Period 4 MWF

### December 18 - Tuesday

8:00 - 10:00	Period 1 TR
10:10 - 12:10	Period 6 TR & T Seminars
12:20 - 2:20	Period 2 TR
2:30 - 4:30	Make-Ups

### December 19 - Wednesday

8:00 - 10:00	Period 5 MWF
10:10 - 12:10	Period 8 MWF & M Seminars
12:20 - 2:20	Period 2 MWF
2:30 - 4:30	Period 1 MWF

### December 20 - Thursday

8:00 - 10:00	Period 3 TR
10:10 - 12:10	Period 4 TR
12:20 - 2:20	Period 5 TR & R Seminars
2:30 - 4:30	Make-Ups

### MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY

First	7:50 or 8:15 - 9:05
Second	9:20 - 10:10
Third	10:25 - 11:15
Fourth	11:30 - 12:20
Fifth	12:35 - 1:25
Sixth	1:40 - 2:30 or 2:55
Seventh	2:45 - 3:35 / 3:10 - 4:25
Eighth	3:50 - 4:40

### TUESDAY/THURSDAY

First	8:15 - 9:30
Second	9:45 - 11:00
Third	11:15 - 12:30
Fourth	12:45 - 2:00
Fifth	2:15 - 3:30
Sixth	3:45 - 5:00



## A&E Quick Info

### Top Singles

1. Maroon 5 - One More Night
2. PSY - Gangnam Style
3. fun. - Some Nights
4. Rihanna - Diamonds
5. Taylor Swift - We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together
6. Ke\$ha - Die Young
7. Bruno Mars - Locked Out Of Heaven
8. Justin Bieber - As Long As You Love Me
9. Alex Clare - Too Close
10. Ne-Yo - Let Me Love You (Until You Learn To Love Yourself)

### Top Movies

1. Skyfall
2. Wreck-It Ralph
3. Flight
4. Argo
5. Hotel Transylvania

### Upcoming DVD Releases

1. The Expendables 2
2. ParaNorman
3. The Apparition
4. Step Up Revolution
5. Men in Black 3

### Top Albums

1. Taylor Swift - Red
2. Meek Mill - Dreams and Nightmares
3. Rod Stewart - Merry Christmas, Baby
4. Jason Aldean - Night Train
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6. Toby Keith - Hope On The Rocks
7. Mumford & Sons - Babel
8. Neil Young & Crazy Horse - Psychedelic Pill
9. Flyleaf - New Horizons

## NYC band SKATERS debut "SCHEMERS" EP is a strong start

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

What do you expect from a band that calls itself SKATERS? Well, if their debut "SCHEMERS" EP is anything to go by, you can count on high-energy, catchy tunes that make you move.

However, no matter how hard I try, I can't stick them into a specific genre. One minute, they sound like a more indie version of the Strokes, the next minute they remind you of a garage rock/punk band.

Even though the EP is nothing in comparison to their live sound and energy, it is well worth the listen. Like any debut, some tracks are stronger than others, but luckily, the strong tracks far outshine the weak ones. For a debut that only features five songs, "SCHEMERS" sure packs a punch.

The first track, aptly titled "Schemers," starts off with a fuzzy guitar riff and an infec-

tious drum beat. Just like the title of the song suggests, this tune focuses on people, specifically high school students, that scheme: people that trick others for their own benefit.

The next song, "Fear of the Knife," is an experimental indie romp that easily could have been left off the EP.

That being said, it's not a bad song; it just doesn't really do the band any favors. The third track, "Are We Just Doomed?" is much better and is one of the best on the EP. This song combines punk and indie in a beautiful blend of guitars and quick drum taps.

Here, SKATERS sings of the city and the people that live there. "Are We Just Doomed?" isn't just a celebration of NYC; it's an existential, thought-provoking track that asks if we are all meant for annihilation: are we all doomed?

We may be, but that doesn't mean that he doesn't want someone to love. I highly recommend this track if you are

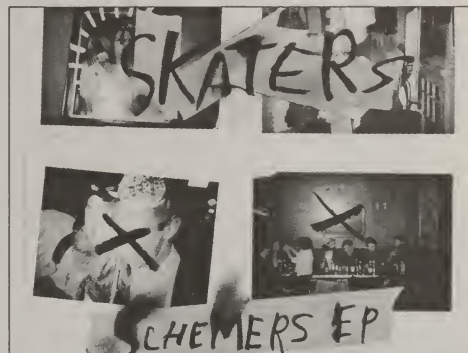


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looking for something you can dance to but still makes you think.

The last song on the EP, "Done For Good," is dark and dirty garage-rock. A steady, thumping bass line slinks beneath the vocals, giving the song a shadowy vibe. If "Are We Just Doomed?" can be called a love song, "Done For Good" can be called the oppo-

site: a song about heartbreak, but with a fresh spin.

This is my favorite track on the EP, and is by far my favorite. "Done For Good," despite its depressing content, ends the "SCHEMERS" EP on a high note, with the listener craving more. You can download this up-and-coming NYC band's debut EP for free at <http://www.skatersnyc.com/>



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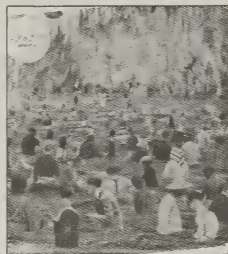
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# ALBUM REVIEWS

## By Lyndon Seitz

### Jonquil: Point of Go



This is a very good album, and recommended. While there is nothing groundbreaking here to speak of, there is a good groove to any of the tracks that puts a step in your day and/or dance. It's an alternative rock that's more up-tempo but remains low-key enough to not have to overwhelm your senses. There's no screaming or blasting guitar chords coming from here, only some awesome guitar and soothing vocals to guide you through the album.

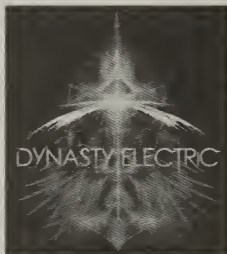
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### Dum Dum Girls: Only in Dreams

This album is one that you should listen to the whole way through in one sitting, and it sounds very much like The Pretenders meets The Clash (leaning more towards The Clash). There is a punk influence that permeates throughout the music, and it works wonderfully. Despite having come out in 2011, this album is timeless. The only real problem is that there aren't necessarily any real standout tracks here, with the possible exception of "In My Head," which I can't get out of my own head, with its excellent timing and good hooks. Worth a listen if you like the style of music.



### Dynasty Electric: Dynasty Electric



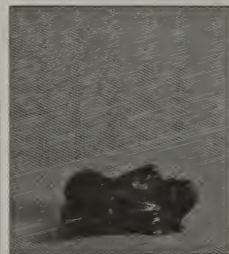
This album doesn't have that much originality to it as far as I can tell, but it is of a higher quality than most electronic based music I've heard (these tracks actually have some noticeable song structure and some level of compositional creativity that doesn't base itself around repeating the same couple of notes over an obnoxiously repeated "wub-wub" rhythm). The lyrics in most cases are sorely lacking intelligence, coherence, or originality, but I doubt that's what you came here for anyway. Standout tracks include "Oasis" and "Automatic Ecstatic."

### Sandbox: Me & Him and Horse

This EP is rather interesting. When I heard the first track, "Tried and Tried," I wanted to take the CD out of my computer and chuck it across the room due to the lead singer's nasally voice and him over enunciating every word in the ballad. The third track, "Doesn't Really Matter," is along the same lines. Tracks 2 ("Leaving Now") and 4 ("Pen & Guitar"), on the other hand are much faster paced and that makes all the difference. They are some of the best tracks I've heard in a while, and I hope the band continues in that direction.



### Sleep ∞ Over: Forever



This was described as "experimental dream pop", and I must say that I could find nothing pop about it. I couldn't find anything even remotely dreamy either, more nightmarish. It certainly is experimental, but that doesn't really mean much to the average listener if it is grating on the ears. It sounds somewhat like atmospheric music but it makes absolutely no sense to my ears. After the first couple of tracks I realized that this album wouldn't be worth anyone buying, and by the end of the album I realized I found a new purpose for this album: a torture device to use on my friends and roommates.

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# “Boy Meets World” coming back to TV with sequel

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

For children of the 90's, many shows come to our collective minds when looking back on our childhood.

No other show has taught us lessons of family, friendship, and love quite like “Boy Meets World” did.

Everyone wanted a love like Cory and Topanga, a best friend like Shawn, and a teacher like Mr. Feeny.

Our childhood died a little the day that “Boy Meets World” was canceled.

Our spirits were picked up somewhat when reruns started playing on ABC Family and MTV2. But for die-hard “Boy Meets World” fans, the best news has just been announced.

Michael Jacobs, the creator of the original series, has signed a deal to film a pilot of “Girl Meets World,” a spin-off that's based on Cory and Topan-

ga's adolescent daughter, Riley.

Here is what we know so far: The show will focus on the Matthews' 13 year-old daughter.

For all you calculating this in your head right now, Boy Meets World's last episode aired in 2000, so that would mean that Topanga would have gotten pregnant right after they moved to New York.

But let's not get technical; Hollywood constantly breaks the rules when it comes to age.

For all you who think that “Boy Meets World” should stick to the original story line, this next fact will really blow your mind.

Riley has a 14 year-old brother named Elliot. Cory has followed Mr. Feeny's footsteps and is now a history teacher.

Where would a “Boy Meets World” sequel be without a Shawn-like character? Riley will have a best friend named Maya.

According to Disney, Maya will be a “dark charac-



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Whether the original “Boy Meets World” cast will return for its sequel “Girl Meets World” is only left to speculation until the pilot episode airs.

ter” with family issues. She will consider Cory to be a father figure to her.

As far as the original actors coming back to reprise their roles, according to sources, Ben Savage and Danielle Fishel (Cory and Topanga) are in talks to return to their original roles but no official statement has

been made.

On November 3rd, Fishel posted via Twitter, “@BenSavage and I have talked and we decided...Thanksgiving is going to be delicious this year!”

Lily Nicksay, who played Cory's sister Morgan in the earlier years, and Anthony Tyler Quinn, who played Mr. Jona-

than Turner, have expressed interest in making appearances on the show.

Will Feeny, Eric, or Shawn be making appearances? Or will new actors take over their roles? Or worse, will they just become a memory from the original “Boy Meets World” legacy?

## WSU's Dever Stage Schedule

**Sunday, November 18:** 7:30p.m, Voice Recital: *Emily Stewart and Amy Brown*

**Monday, November 26:** 12:30p.m, Student Recital Series

**Wednesday, November 28:** 7:30p.m, Chamber Ensembles

**Friday, November 30:** 7:30p.m, Step Team



**Saturday, December 1:** 7:30p.m, *Transient*, a film by Nicholas Rexford

**Monday, December 3:** 7:30p.m, Festival Chorus

**Tuesday, December 4:** 7:30p.m, Chamber Ensembles

**Wednesday, December 5:** 12:30p.m, Student Recital Series

**Thursday, December 6:** 7:30p.m, Big Band

**Friday, December 7:** 7:30p.m, Christian Fellowship presents: *A Night of Worship*

**Saturday, December 8:** 7:30p.m, SGA presents: Whip Comedy Improv, \$3

## WSU women's soccer team falls in first round of NCAA tournament

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

After running through a regular season schedule largely void of stiff competition, Westfield State University's women's soccer team and their 18-0-1 record traveled to Wheaton College to face the Wheaton Lyons in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament on Saturday, November 10.

In a tough and tight match, the Owls and Lyons needed extra time to decide who would advance to the second round of the tournament.

Unfortunately for Owls fans, Wheaton, who was ranked 25th in the country by the Na-

tional Soccer Coaches Association of America, scored the game winning goal 13 seconds into the overtime period.

The goal, which was the only one scored by either team, was scored by freshman forward Cat Amick, her tenth goal of the season, and gave Wheaton the 1-0 victory.

The Owls, who normally don't face this type of competition in the MASCAC, held their own with Wheaton, as they out-shot the Lyons 15-8 and had more corners as well.

Westfield senior leader and career points leader Kayley Miller was kept in check and was only able to get off one shot in the game.

With the loss, the Owls finished the season at 18-1-1,

but set many team records including number of victories in a season (18), number of shutouts (13) and the school's longest winning streak at 14 games.

Westfield will be losing four players to graduation, but should still be a tough team to beat with goalkeeper Jess Habib returning for her senior season.

In addition, the team will return the sophomore duo of Ashleigh Chretien and Colie Sambrook who each had seven goals on the season.

One factor that could definitely help the Owls come tournament time would be a tougher regular season schedule.

Westfield has made it to the NCAA tournament in each of the last two seasons, but their



*photo by Nancy Bals*

A Westfield State shot goes wide during first-half action of their NCAA tournament loss to Wheaton College.

regular season schedule has been very weak and has hurt them when they face tougher competition.

It would be beneficial for

the Owls to try and schedule games with upper-tier teams, such as Williams, Amherst or Springfield College prior to the NCAA tournament.

## Westfield State University mourns the loss of coaching legend John Kurty

### WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State University is mourning the loss of retired Coach John Kurty, 86, who was fatally injured in a bicycle/pickup truck accident while riding his bicycle on Western Avenue near Stanley Park on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 6.

"John Kurty was a highly respected coach and mentor whose impact and influence on the students he taught will long be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family - wife Rita, son Jack, daughter Carol and her husband Hal - at this very sad time," said Westfield State University President Evan S. Dobelle.

Coach Kurty was the first coach inducted into the Westfield State Athletics Hall of Fame in 1994 as a member of the charter class.

Coach Kurty, who retired from the Westfield State faculty as a physical education instruc-

tor in 1988, compiled a brilliant record of 153 wins, 36 losses and 13 ties in coaching the Westfield men's soccer team from 1966 to 1977.

At the time of his retirement, his .790 winning percentage was the highest of any coach, active or retired, in all New England divisions.

Coach Kurty led the Owls to five straight NCAA Tournament appearances and three New England state championships. Coach Kurty's 1974 team finished third in the nation.

Paul Whalley, a senior captain on the 1974 Westfield State team, recalls Coach Kurty as the perfect mentor.

"Coach Kurty was a great coach and even a greater person," said Whalley. "He taught us to win and lose with class, dignity, and grace. When I became a coach he was the standard for the way I wanted to behave. I never reached that level, however, he inspired a clear vision of what a coach should be.

"In the 41 years that I've known Coach Kurty, no matter who I mentioned him to they said what a great guy he is. No

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*Westfield President Evan Dobelle*

one ever had a bad thing to say about coach probably because in my 41 years I never heard him say a bad thing about anyone."

Coach Kurty also coached golf for 10 years and volleyball for seven years at Westfield State, and was a volunteer assistant for the baseball team.

Coach Kurty came to

Westfield from his hometown of Ludlow, where he coached the high school soccer team to a 10-year record of 150 wins, 19

losses and one year of volleyball.

"I never knew that he won a national soccer championship at Penn State and was an All-American there until years later when I was submitting a recommendation for his entry into the National Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

"Whenever he talked, he talked about his players and how they made him successful."

In his retirement years, John was an avid golfer and an umpire for local college and high school baseball games.

"The Westfield State athletics department is deeply saddened by the death of Coach Kurty," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest.

"He was a legendary coach but he was an even better person who was very loyal to Westfield State, even in his retirement years. A scholarship fund at WSU is being established in his name."

loss and 19 ties and three consecutive state championships.

A standout athlete, Coach Kurty graduated from Penn State University and was a member of a NCAA national championship soccer team.

"Coach Kurty was an amazing and very humble man," said Whalley.

"I played soccer for him



# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



It only took five games for Los Angeles Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak and executive vice president Jim Buss to decide Mike Brown wouldn't be the Lakers coach moving forward.

After a 1-4 start, the Lakers front office hit the panic button in a big way, sending shockwaves through the professional basketball world.

Since the beginning of their relationship at the start of last season, the pairing of Brown and Los Angeles always felt unsettling.

After years of being run by an offensive minded coach in Phil Jackson, the Lakers turning

the keys over to Mike Brown set up an ugly situation.

This offseason the Lakers spiked their expectations by dealing for arguably the best center in basketball, Dwight Howard.

Los Angeles also completed a sign-and-trade with the Phoenix Suns, acquiring future Hall of Famer Steve Nash.

With shades of the 2003 Lakers present, the Lakers resembled an older team built to win now. In a city with a rich tradition of winning, and a sideline filled with celebrities, losing is never okay in the City of Angels.

Former head coach Phil

Jackson and Mike D'Antoni became the two top candidates for one of the most coveted coaching positions in basketball.

Both men made sense for the opening as Jackson has a wealth of experience under his belt with the organization and D'Antoni has the potential to mesh well with this roster, including Nash who he has coached before, and a team built to score.

Ultimately, the Lakers went with D'Antoni as their next coach, signing him to a three-year deal worth \$12 million. This was a move I didn't see coming as Jackson was waiting in the wings for another

opportunity at a championship.

It has been said Jackson's demands in his potential contract were too steep for the Lakers to meet, including taking road trips off away from the team.

The Lakers made the right decision as Jackson wouldn't take the job for the long haul with his sputtering health issues and lack of commitment, retiring from coaching multiple times.

Kobe Bryant and D'Antoni have a relationship dating back to Bryant's childhood years, as D'Antoni was a star in the same Italian league Bryant's father played and Bry-

ant admired D'Antoni growing up.

After this circus of a situation comes to a close, the Lakers still have 75 games to figure it out before the postseason.

Teams who win championships don't go through coaching changes and question their personnel during an 82 game schedule.

As a result of this frenzy of uncertainty, and Oklahoma City waiting for them, I don't see any way the Lakers find themselves advancing beyond the Western Conference finals.

Their bench lacks depth and their roster is depleted of gritty defensive talent.

## Countdown to March Madness starts as college basketball season begins

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Last Friday marked the beginning of the 2012-13 college basketball season.

The preseason number one team in the country is Indiana, who returns the seven-foot phenom Cody Zeller.

Behind Zeller and guard Christian Wadford, the Hoosiers went to the Sweet Sixteen last year and are the favorite to win the Big Ten this season.

One key freshman to watch out for this season for Indiana is Yogi Ferrell, whose quick ball handling skills and playmaking abilities are a key addition to a team whose point guards last year were lacking.

Kentucky, led by head coach John Calipari, will again be loaded with high school All-Americans. Similar to last year when the Wildcats had the Mr. Unibrow Anthony Davis, the

team now has Mr. Flattop, Nerlens Noel.

But unlike Davis, who possessed some offensive skills and ball handling abilities, Noel is limited in that area. Noel will be a shot blocking force in the middle for the team, but needs his offensive game to improve if the Wildcats want to go far this season.

Ohio State, who last year made it to the Final Four, will be trying to replace two-time All-American Jared Sullinger and sharp shooter William Buford.

The team, though, does return All-Defensive first team point guard Aaron Craft and forward Deshaun Thomas.

Thomas will have to carry the offensive load this season as the Buckeyes will only go as far as Thomas takes them this season.

One team out west that is coming back to relevancy is UCLA. Thanks to a stellar recruiting class and some key

returning players, the Bruins should make a run at the Pac-12 title.

In freshman Kyle Anderson the Bruins have a dominant scorer that will help them. Anderson should've been joined by fellow freshman Shabazz Muhammad, but Muhammad right now is ineligible to play because of NCAA rules that he may have broken during some recruiting trips.

Without Muhammad, the Bruins will look to the Wear twins (David and Travis) who both are very good at shooting mid-range jumpers and active pick-and-roll situations.

In the Big East this year, Louisville seems to be the team to beat thanks to senior guard Peyton Siva. Coach Rick Pitino returns many key players who helped the Cardinals reach the Final Four last year.

The UConn Huskies are not eligible for post-season play this year as they are serving a one-year ban for low academic

performance rates.

The Huskies lost head coach Jim Calhoun to retirement and key players to the draft and some who have transferred. The team will rely heavily on their guards, as they have the most experience.

Finally, let's end this preview with some teams and some players who people should be aware of come tournament time.

Watch out for Murray State, who returns point guard Isaiah Cannon and should be a threat to return to the tournament and ruin some brackets.

South Dakota State, who has a guard that not a lot of people have heard of in Nate Wolt-

ers, could be a Cinderella team to follow.

Wolters averaged 21 points a game last year and is the focal point of the offense. Watch out for Wolters as he has the potential to have some Jimmer Fredette type of games in him this year.

And of course, don't forget the usual mid-major teams Creighton, who has a player of the year candidate in Doug McDermott, and Butler, who now plays in the A-10 and has a transfer from Arkansas by the name of Rotnei Clark who is a lights out shooter.

College basketball is back – and with that – let the countdown to March Madness begin.

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**Scorpio****(October 23 – November 21)**

Break free of the herd instinct and do your own thing, even when events in your life right now may be suggesting you do otherwise. You may at first be ridiculed by society for it, but you will always find it worth it in the grand scheme of things.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 – December 21)**

What may come unnatural or strange for you might be all too human for others and the hope that you will be accepted is not necessarily the hope that you should be harboring. Embrace what makes you different and use it to your advantage.

**Capricorn****(December 21 – January 20)**

You must give yourself the will to power, and you will get power. You will want to consider this newfound power in your romantic endeavors, as aggression can in many cases be useful.

**Aquarius****(January 21 – February 19)**

There's a dawn of a new age of your life coming, and you should prepare to meet it. The dawn might not be exactly what you expect, but it will be what is best for you.

**Pisces****(Feb. 20 - March 20)**

Be the master and not the slave to your passions, which will attempt to dominate you this week. Channel your energies into how you best express yourself.

**Aries****(March 21 - April 20)**

The very core of your moral self will be in flux this week. You will ask questions of yourself that make you wonder who you are and what you follow in life. Not even the stars have the answer to those questions.

**Taurus****(April 21 – May 21)**

Don't be the last man or woman to finish the race this week; always strive to be ahead of the pack.

**Gemini****(May 22 – June 21)**

This week you are going to feel superhuman, as if you have transcended the rest of humanity and have reached a new level of strength and clarity.

**Cancer****(June 22 – July 22)**

You are a part of the universe. Don't forget that, even as forces outside your control try to take you down and break your spirit this week. You may feel completely worthless and insignificant, but the fact is that you matter.

**Leo****(July 23 – August 23)**

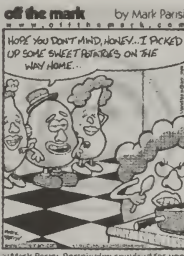
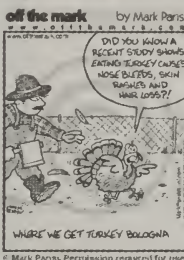
You may be concerned with the world riddle and the nature of the universe. This is a good thing, as your life will benefit from some strong meditation on your place in the world.

**Virgo****(August 24 – September 22)**

You will be engaged in a conflict this week that will require you to think deeply and not allow you to look at the world in terms of black and white. Instead, you must look beyond good and evil and try to do the best thing for yourself.

**Libra****(September 23 – October 22)**

You may have a crisis of faith this week. You may feel as though God is dead or worse yet that you killed him through horrendous actions that you felt you were in some way responsible for. Hold strongly onto what gives you knowledge, and you will pull through just fine.



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# The Westfield Voice

## The Student Press of Westfield State University

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## WSU's newest addition: Momba vending machines

**Samantha Fahey**  
Editor-in-Chief

Moms have made their way to Westfield State's campus, but in a different form than most students would recognize.

Short for "Mom Robot," three Momba vending machines located in dorms across WSU are stocked with all the things your mom told you to bring, but you forgot.

From earbuds, t-shirts and leggings to shampoo, laundry detergent and toothpaste, it's a convenience store in a box that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Just in time for winter, beanies and gloves will be added to the numerous items already available.

Keeping with the "Mom" theme, there is a cartoon mom printed on the packages, and even a loving note from mom inside some of the items. The condoms, for example, come with, "Have fun but be safe, honey. I was young once, too" written inside.

"They are a perfect asset to campus," said junior Lilly Nevin.

The vending machines are located in Scanlon, Dickinson and Davis, mainly for first year students who aren't allowed to have cars on campus. No longer will there be a need to take a bus to WalMart for college necessities. Students can walk down to the lobby and get everything they need out of a vending machine.

"They are definitely one of the coolest things I've ever seen on campus," said senior Collin Slater.

The machines were created by Steven R. Duque, who customizes them himself in his garage.

"The idea basically came from being a dirty college student," Duque said, as quoted in the Republican.

The first Momba machines were installed on Harvard's campus. Now, WSU houses three, and Duque hopes to install them at both Boston University and UMass Amherst in the future.

But he didn't do it alone – he credits his wife with the idea for most of the products.

The leggings, \$13, along with hair ties, loafers, and nail polish remover were all Heather J. Duque's idea. She also had the idea to put the items in packages.

"I know that I just wouldn't want to have shampoo. I'd want shampoo and conditioner," she said, as quoted in the Republican. "I also wouldn't just want nail-polish remover. I'd want the emery board and the cotton balls, too."

The vending machines take cash, credit cards, and Owl Bucks. Some students feel that the machines are on the expensive side.

"The company's heart is in the right place, but they need to lower their prices," said senior Mike Ellsworth.

But a percentage of the money made from the Momba machines is returned to Westfield's financial aid program, for every year the school hosts the machines on campus.

"The feedback has been very positive thus far," Duque said. "I'm grateful to the students and staff of Westfield State University for giving the Momba



*photo by Voice Staff*

Vending machines are located in Scanlon, Dickinson, and Davis Halls.

team and me the opportunity to help improve residents' quality of life, while doing our part to make higher education more accessible.

"We're excited for the road ahead, and are looking forward to getting feedback on current and future products to better serve visitors to Momba machines!"

Feedback of all types is encour-

aged. Duque and team are in the process of building a website where people can give their opinions and find out about promotions. But for now, he said, people can leave comments on the Momba Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/MombaMe>, and Twitter @MombaMa.

*Kylie Coffey contributed to the reporting of this story.*

### Useful Phone Numbers:

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Public Safety - 5262  
IT - 5528  
Library - 5231

**Campus - Pages 2 - 5**  
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Sat - 10:00am-6:00pm

# Quick Hits

**Friday, November 30**

7:30 p.m.

So Seductive Step Team  
Dever Hall

11:00 p.m.

Brown Bag Bingo  
Ely Main Lounge

**Saturday, December 1**

6:00 p.m.

Pioneer Valley Hoop Classic  
Woodward Center

8:00 p.m.

Video Game Tourney  
Ely Main Lounge

**Sunday, December 2**

8:00 p.m.

Board Games  
Ely Main Lounge

## Communication major gives students "an edge"

**Patrick Rice**  
Voice Reporter

Communication is a degree that is offered in a majority of colleges and universities.

In today's society, the Communication major is viewed as less useful than other majors offered.

The question is, though, do those outside of the field truly know the power and resources that those with a communication degree have in our everyday society?

Communication is a very broad field to step into but because it is broad, doesn't mean students have to step away in fear or get overwhelmed by the options.

When an old door closes there is always a new door that opens. Nigel Dobereiner, a professor of Communication at Westfield State University who has a degree in Liberal Arts for English, said that students with degrees in Communication af-

ter Westfield have done everything.

"We have folks in marketing, public relations, banking, government, non-profits, television news, radio you name it," he said.

Dobereiner did say, though, that the Communication field is competitive, "So a lot depends on your preparation and experience."

To have an early foot in the door for a successful career path in Communications, Professor Dobereiner said, "An internship can be very valuable in seeking an entry-level job."

"If making money is your primary goal than another major might be a better choice. But if you want to have a fulfilling career doing something you love, you will find work in Communication to be very satisfying and creative."

On the other hand, Professor Dobereiner said, "Certainly there is no limit to someone starting their own PR agency or running TV news. Starting

salaries are good, but now excessive"

Westfield State University senior Paul Basile said his cousin found work in Public Relations with a Communication degree.

"My cousin works for Marriott Hotel in Los Angeles, under their public relations team" Basile said.

He continued, "Communication is a growing field because it can be applied to so many different majors and fields. Having Communication as a major gives people an edge in whether they are public relations, journalism or media arts because these talents are needed everywhere, therefore increasing the number of jobs you are eligible for."

Dobereiner said a student with a Communication degree should have no trouble finding some sort of work.

He said, "Especially if you look at all the social networking and web opportunities when you consider that the web

is really a field in Communication."

Lucia Sullivan, Communication Department secretary said, "A best place to work is marketing because it lets people know what's going on."

In our society, people will always need to know what is going on, what new product is out, where you can get the next item that can help improve everyday lives.

"It's a way to give yourself a lot of opportunities, fine tune it. Apply yourself at school, be open, go to the events in the evening," Sullivan said.

There are many events held on the Westfield State campus for a variety of majors.

Many of these events range from feature guest speakers to experienced people in the field who have done successful work to talk to the hopeful students.

In the end, Dobereiner said, "Looking forward going to work each day for a lifetime is a good thing to value."



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Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



## Student profile: Amber Pettell

**J.R. Nieb**  
Voice Reporter

Amber Lee Pettell, 21, of Westfield, said she uses a wheelchair because she has Cerebral Palsy. The disease has impaired her speech a little, she said, and she cannot write very fast.

"When I was senior in high school, I was dealing a lot with the Boys' and Girls' Club in Westfield and I won an award through them, which is a pretty major one called the 'Youth of the Year,'" she said.

She added that the "Youth of the Year" award helped her come to WSU because it gave her a lot of scholarship money.

"I won an award for the fact that I had for four years participated in a group called 'Self-Advocacy.' I peer-mentored other students that had developmental disabilities, and helped teach them things about

how to function as individuals in the world, and stand up for their own rights," she said.

"Graduating high school for me was a really big deal just because I had worked so hard for it and it was a really big step towards my ultimate goal of being independent, so that's a really big one for me," said Pettell about her biggest accomplishment in life so far.

"This is my third year, although technically credits wise, I'm a sophomore," said Pettell.

Pettell said her major is communication and her concentrations are journalism and media arts. She said she is not as actively as involved on campus as she used to be. She has written for the Westfield Voice in the past and is going to be joining the TV club.

She chose to come to Westfield State University because it was close and students did not have to pay a lot of mon-

ey to get a good education.

Her favorite parts about school are the professors and the communication department.

"There are times when the work load is a little overwhelming," she said about her least favorite part about school. "That can be tough."

Pettell said that her main goal in life is to "finish school, and then have a stable, successful job for the most part, be able to support myself."

"I want to be a newspaper journalist," she said.

"My dream job would be to work for a professional sports team," Pettell said, "Particularly a hockey team. I am a fan of the Bruins and the Celtics."

"I'm a big reader, she said about what she does in her spare time.

"I love to read. I watch a lot of movies, and when hockey season is in, I watch a lot of hockey, too."

## Coffey Break with Sarah Cote

by *Kylie Coffey*



Major: Criminal Justice  
Hometown: Granby, MA

1. *If you could describe yourself in one word what would it be?*  
Awesome.

2. *What is the weirdest dream you had recently?*  
I had a dream I went on a date with Chris Hemsworth. It's not really a weird dream, just a best dream.

3. *What do you order at Subway?*  
Turkey, cheese, and ranch with veggies on Italian bread.

4. *What is your current favorite App on your iPhone?*  
Skip-Bo. It's a card game.

5. *What was the last thing you watched on Netflix?*  
The Office.

6. *In your opinion, what is Christmas?*  
Christmas is the greatest day ever, the greatest time ever, the greatest ever.

7. *What is your favorite Nintendo 64 game?*  
Mario Party 3

8. *Looking back to when you first came to Westfield, how is your life different?*  
I have made some of the weirdest friends I know.

*If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

## Get to know GARP's Professor Leiker

**Rob Downey**  
Voice Reporter

Professor Carl Leiker, the most senior member of the Geography and Regional Planning Department, has begun his 37th year as a professor here at Westfield State University and has no plans for retiring yet.

When asked why he has been teaching here for so long Leiker said, "I just like it too much, gives me something to do."

Today, Leiker teaches about the same curriculum as he did when he first began teaching at Westfield State, except now he also offers a variety of advanced classes to the subjects he had previously taught.

Senior Regional Planning major Nick Champagne said, "He is a really good professor,

I had him for meteorology and as long as you keep up with the work everything else falls into place."

Champagne also said that he would recommend Leiker's meteorology class to anyone.

Professor Leiker who was originally from Hayes, Kansas has had vast experience with geography and meteorology, the two primary subjects that he teaches.

When asked if he ever plans to move back to his hometown of Hayes, Kansas, he said "No, probably not. I'll always have a love for where I grew up but I've become very accustomed to New England."

After high school, Leiker joined the Air Force, where he spent the next four years serving our country. After that he decided to continue his education by enrolling at Fort Hayes

State University, where he studied Agriculture and played D-2 football.

After graduating from Fort Hayes, Leiker then began working on his doctorate at the Penn State Department of Agriculture.

Leiker then spent a number of years working in agriculture, mainly dealing with Alphantha fields.

Leiker also spent some time working for oil fields as a "roughneck," ensuring that all the drilling equipment ran smoothly for the drillers.

Eventually, Leiker chose to change professions and work as a professor.

Leiker had his eyes set on three schools within the New England area but eventually settled upon Westfield State, where he has been happily teaching for the past 36 years.

## Getting the word out to WSU students

**Katie Green**  
Voice Reporter

In light of the recent natural disaster, Hurricane Sandy, it is important for students to remain aware of campus news.

With this size of a student body and very few places to eat and socialize on campus, it should be very easy for news to spread.

However, it appears that students are still unaware of things such as advising dates and where to go when such-and-such happens.

When asked how she gets her campus news, Westfield State student, Jess McFadden said her campus emails and posters, especially "bright colorful, neon ones"

help out a lot.

McFadden is part of Westfield State's Musical Theatre Guild, or MTG, which recently put on a production of "Legally Blonde" last month.

When asked how the theatre group advertised for the show, McFadden said they used the napkin dispensers in the dining hall, chalk on the sidewalk, posters and their own Facebook group.

Bryce Simonds is a part of Westfield State's men's rugby team.

In order to generate a crowd for the rugby games, Simonds said the team also makes use of social networking sites. Teammates use personal Twitter accounts and Facebook invites to help bring people to the games.

One undergraduate, Ha-

ley Maltz, said that using social networking sites such as Facebook is too slow.

"People will put things up [that] they got from an email," said Maltz.

During Hurricane Sandy, Maltz had received the text alerts on the status of the campus and further suggests that texts would be more useful than email.

People tend to check their phone more often than their email and with those individuals who do not have smartphones like McFadden and Simonds, it would be easier to receive texts.

The IT Department located in Wilson Hall is able to assist students in getting email and alerts on their cell phone, helping them stay better informed of campus news.

## Persona changes deadline

**Amanda Hebson**  
Voice Reporter

Persona, the Literary Journal for Westfield State, has changed their deadline for submissions to December 7th.

Persona usually accepts submissions up through the end of February for each academic year.

This year they have decided to move forward the deadline to December 7th, towards the end of the fall semester.

The submission dates, which used to run from April to February, will now run from January to December.

The new submission deadline will allow the editors to spend the entire spring semester working on the layout

and other facets of the journal, as opposed to a few weeks at the end of the semester.

This should allow for the journal to look even better than it did before.

Students and alumni can still submit to the journal after December 7th and it will automatically be considered for the journal the following year.

Persona is a student run literary journal that accepts all forms of art, fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and photography. Submissions are open to all students and alumni.

In order to submit, please email your submission with your name to: [personasubmissions@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:personasubmissions@westfield.ma.edu).

Submit today and look out for the journal in April 2013.

### Wreaths Across America

Stanley Park of Westfield has the honor to welcome "Wreaths Across America"

This year we have been selected as one of the stops along the way in the Wreaths Across America -Escort to Arlington National Cemetery. Please help us pay tribute to our Veterans and remember our fallen heroes.

The convoy is arriving in Westfield on  
Tuesday, December 11, 2012  
@ 9:00 a.m.

Wreaths Across America route:

- MA Turnpike (exit 3) bearing right onto
- North Elm Street continuing onto
- Elm Street bearing right onto
- Court Street continuing onto
- Western Avenue and arriving at
- Stanley Park where wreaths will be placed on our Veterans Memorials

As many other communities have done in the past, we would like our City to roll out the "Welcome Mat" asking each of you to get the word out and possibly organize a "Welcome". It would be wonderful to have people of the City out on the streets, lining our new bridges, gathered on the new green and school children holding signs that they created in their art classes as the convoy comes through our City. For more information contact Stanley Park at 413-368-9312.

## Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 15, 2012  
Shaker Farms Country Club  
866 Shaker Road  
Westfield MA 01095

Schedule arrives by helicopter 9:30 a.m. immediately following breakfast. Reservations required by calling Shaker Farms Country Club 413.563.4067

**Ticket Prices**  
In advance  
Adults (12 and under) \$7  
Adults \$10  
At the door  
Kids (12 and under) \$12  
Adults \$15

Seating is limited. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield



# Nov. 28 Student Government update

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

Tuesday night, Student Government had three guest speakers. The first was Ken Magarian, Director of Special Programs and Community Service, who came to speak about the wreathing ceremony that will take place on December 11th at 9a.m. at Stanley Park.

The city of Westfield was picked along with two other towns on the way to the Arlington Veteran's Memorial Cemetery to hold the wreathing ceremony.

The other two guests were Dr. Marsha Marotta, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and Dr. Elizabeth Preston, Vice President of Academic Affairs. They came to speak about the inter-



*photo from WSU's Public Safety Facebook page*  
Westfield State's "Stuff a Cruiser" drive.

national programs, studying abroad, and the civic engagement initiatives that will be put into place in the fall of 2013.

Stephanie Close, President of SGA, spoke about the Stuff-A-Cruiser event. The Executive Council will be visiting all residence and academic

buildings asking for donations. The proceeds will go to buying toys and toiletries to donate to local domestic shelters. Donations will be accepted through December 14th.

The Student Government's next meeting is Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 5:30.

## Commuters' troubles with PVRTA bus system

**Dan Pacheco**  
Voice Reporter

Being a commuter student in the world today can be challenging, but being a commuter student who must depend on the public transportation system in Western Massachusetts can be a nightmare.

Riding the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority buses to campus is the only choice some students have and for a few of them, it's just not worth it.

"The PVRTA only stops here once an hour on the hour. If it's late or something happens, I miss my class and then have to worry about bumming a ride and if that doesn't happen, I have to wait for another hour," said Addison Boruff, 26, a junior who picks up the R-10 in Westfield Center and rides it to Scanlon Hall.

"Yes, commuting to campus can get a little out of control at times," Boruff said.

The PVRTA's R-10 is the only bus that services WSU from Springfield. The bus ride generally takes about an hour from start to finish.

The bus route originates from the downtown Springfield's transportation center, stopping at various locations in West Springfield and Westfield, Finally making its last stop at Scanlon Hall.

A bus driver, who has been driving for the PVRTA as a bus operator for the past nine years said, "I know it can be challenging at times for students to get to school. We drivers are the first ones to hear about it if the bus showed up late or if they had connection issues with other buses."

She continued, "We really do try our best to get the kids to school on time, but sometimes there are days that seem like anything that can go wrong, goes wrong."

"Westfield State is well aware of the transportation is-

sues when it comes to commuter students," she said.

Sue Lamontagne, Dean of Student Affairs, said, "Providing adequate bus services for their students has been a challenging issue that has burdened the school for years. We've looked into adding routes and expanding services for some time."

Lamontagne continued, "Honestly, it comes down to whether we have the money or not. The school pays a flat rate amount per student whether they ride the bus or not," she said.

WSU has a contract with the PVRTA that provides services, which includes the R-10 bus and the two shuttle buses that pick up and drop off students from the commuter lots on Western Avenue.

In the past, WSU has tried to resolve this problem. The issue was to justify the number of students that it would take to add an additional bus to the existing R-10 route. Unfortunately, the numbers didn't add up.

## Editor's Desk



*When hearts are high,  
the time will fly,  
so whistle while you work.*  
-Snow White

Hi everyone! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving full of food, family, and fun!

The reason for my quote this week is not only that it came on shuffle, but I thought it was a good fit. When Samantha and I are putting together the paper, our spirits are high and we have fun with it.

Of course, we have our bad days, but most of the time we're singing, dancing, laughing, and working hard. It sounds like we're slacking, but it's all part of our chemistry and why we have such a successful paper. We work well together, we're best friends, and we both love the paper.

So my advice for the week: Try to have fun with whatever you do and hopefully it won't feel like you're working. Enjoy your weekends, and thanks for reading!

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*thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.*

# Liberalism Today: Why we need the popular vote in America

**Ryan Merceri**  
Voice Reporter

This year's election was a travesty. Not because Romney didn't win. Not because of the awful campaigning and lack of ideas. It was a travesty because roughly 8 states determined the course of the election.

For those eight states, states like Ohio and Florida, the election was great. Presidential candidates spent a great deal of time and money in these states, and people got their fill of the candidates and their agenda.

However, up here in Massachusetts, our vote didn't matter. We get eleven electoral votes, and we vote blue every election.

So it really was irrelevant that we voted at all. Even if we had gone red, it wouldn't have

changed the election. This is why we need a direct popular vote to elect the President. The Electoral College is an antiquated, broken system from another era.

Our founders were fearful of mob rule, which is why they created the electoral college. These were the same men who thought the three-fifths clause, which equated each slave as three-fifths of a person, was a good compromise.

The fact is that most of what the Founders believed worked for them in their time. We have to decide if it works in our time.

Perhaps the only argument I hear against a popular vote is that there are too many clueless or ignorant people out there.

I certainly can't deny the fact that there are a lot of people who vote purely based on looks,

or political affiliation, or gee, I don't know, the color of a candidate's skin.



However, there are also massive amounts of people today who don't vote because they know their vote doesn't count anyway. If we want a truly strong voter turnout, then a direct vote would be far more powerful.

In addition, it would mean third party candidates would stand to gain, and thus, more voices would enter the political process and would offer

new ideas.

The fear of mob rule, based off a simple majority, is understandable. After all, it's part of the reason women weren't given the vote until 1919, and why Jim Crow laws existed in the South until the 1960s.

I mean, there's nothing more terrifying than giving the citizens of a country their rights, right?

For those who haven't realized it, I consider the fear of mob rule absolutely foolish and ignorant of history. Anytime more power has been placed in the hands of the American people, the better our democracy has been.

Think of the Thirteenth Amendment, which ended slavery, the Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women the vote, or the Wagner Act, which recognized unions and granted them

legal protection.

The fact is the American people are a moderate people, not radical. We only become radical when our rights are threatened. They are given to us by God, not by an electoral college.

Andrew Jackson believed himself to be the guardian of the people, and every president since has been viewed that way.

If this is true, then it should be the peoples vote that elects the President, not the Electoral College.

If we had that system, just think about how different the 2000s would have been with a President Al Gore.

Green energy? Not being saddled with debt created by two wars? No Bush-era tax cuts, which are causing the fiscal cliff crisis? No PATRIOT Act? What was I thinking, right?

## Black Friday madness sweeps the nation

**Marisol Gomez**  
Voice Reporter

Regardless of the on-going decline of our economy, this past Black Friday consumers didn't hold back on spending.

A total of 89 million consumers shopped all over the United States this past Black Friday.

This accounts for six million more consumers than last year. According to NBC Nightly News online, consumers spent a whopping \$9.1 billion dollars at stores.

This is without counting the \$1 billion dollars that were spent on online purchases on that night.

Amazon.com was the most visited site on Black Friday, where most of the purchases were made.

So imagine a total of 60.1 billion dollars spent with store and online purchases, and people still complain that they are "broke?"

The average consumer was said to have spent \$400 dollars.

As an overall outlook, it looks like people are never "broke" to shop on Black Friday.

*Did you go shopping on Black Friday?*

*Tell us about your experience!*

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Screening in Dever Stage  
Parenzo Hall  
Westfield State University

Saturday, December 1, 2012  
7:30 p.m.

Free Admission

Directed by WSU Student  
Nicholas Rexford  
Written by Peter Gucwa

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A film by Nicholas Rexford

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# Competency and Conservatism: Election reform needed

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

The Electoral College is a purely American institution and its abolition would accomplish nothing. After an election there are those that bring this issue front and center. They claim it stifles the ingenuity of democracy. And that because of its existence millions of Americans are disenfranchised.

I might be a cranky Republican upset with this past election, so forgive me when I say in the words of Joe Biden: that's malarky!

The Electoral College was designed to work in a republican form of government. This means that the people elect someone to represent their concerns. In accordance with our government, the Electoral College is under the same guise. However, the founders built our republic using something called federalism.

American government is split into two spheres: the state governments and the national government. The states are free to regulate for themselves; how-

ever they are inextricably linked to the national government. The federal constitution details their respective roles and the people are tasked with choosing their representatives.

Early on it was decided that smaller states were disadvantaged at the upper levels of government. A compromise was struck creating a bicameral legislature. A state received representation in the House of Representatives through population. And each state had two members to serve in the United States Senate.

This move was heralded as uniquely fair and a centerpiece of American government. The states with a smaller population did not have to fear being drowned out by the larger states.

Of this compromise, the Electoral College was born. It was determined that the proportionment of delegates should mirror the states governing delegation. When an election took place the electors would award their delegates to the candidate that won their state's popular vote.

I understand that the Elec-

toral College is confusing and that most people can't comprehend its existence. However it safeguards our form of government from the popular appeal of a dangerous entity.

Liberals like to joke about people such as myself that defend the founding fathers. However it is impossible to argue that at the time it was an important reform. As Americans, we had just broken away from the British Empire and were ill equipped to defend ourselves. The nation was an amateur contender in the realm of government. This great experiment with liberty might've collapsed if it were not built as a republic.

There were two parties: The Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. One believed that government derived its rights from the people and the other said it came from the states. If it weren't for the protections ensured by the constitution, these two factions could have unraveled the nation. In the span of four years (1796-1800), federalists ran the government and then were abruptly replaced by anti-federalists. Turmoil was

unavoidable because these factions were not merely political. They were direct polar opposites and could have proved dangerous if the constitution didn't keep them in check.

What would have happened if the nation elected its president through a direct popular vote? Anyone could have taken control at such a vulnerable time. It could have resulted in the abolition of government or an authoritarian ruler. But it didn't because the Electoral College ensured that the right to rule depended on the support of a good portion of the states.

I do not mean to dismiss those calling for a better government. By all means this type of debate is paramount to the success of our nation. Unfortunately the ire is negligently directed towards an American institution.

If we were a democracy this type of reform would be necessary. However a republican form of government requires no such action because it is built with checks and balances.

Our country needs comprehensive election reform and

it needs it badly. These reforms do not begin with the Electoral College, but could start with the creation of open primaries. The College is purely representative in nature and its shortcomings have never yielded disaster.

While there have been times where a candidate has won the popular vote but lost the election, we must endure for the sake of the government that protects us.

To win the electoral vote, a candidate needs to be well rounded, have widespread support and the institution does the rest.

It's how we choose to safeguard the people from dangerous leaders such as: Adolf Hitler, Salvador Allende and Juan Peron. It is also how we keep out the unqualified populists: Huey Long, Ross Perot and George Wallace.

Candidates that run on hate often win in unstable countries but the United States does not have that problem.

We can thank the wisdom of our founding fathers and the institution of the Electoral College for our two centuries of functional government.

## Grover Norquist is holding the United States Congress hostage

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

For some reason or another, the Republican faction of the United States Congress is finding themselves obligated to a meaningless pledge of a man named Grover Norquist.

The pledge, officially called the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, was released by the Americans for Tax Reform in some way or another in 1986.

The House version of the pledge is as follows, "I, (insert name), pledge to the taxpayers of the X district of the state of (insert state), and to the Ameri-

can people that I will: ONE, oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses; and TWO, oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates."

The whole idea of this pledge is very heroic, at best. It's really admirable that the man wants to stop the federal government from increasing a legal tax on its citizens in the aim of collecting more revenue to conduct its business.

The pledge, however, is stopping the government from doing what it needs to do in or-

der to function properly. Sure, signing a pledge not to raise the marginal tax rate (the change in taxes divided by the change in income) is an admirable thing when you're running for office.

It makes a good campaign sound bite, it looks good to the voters, and it helps you to gain popularity amongst the voters.

However, a pledge like Grover's is simply partisan politics at its best. At the time of the November 6 elections, 95% of all elected Republicans in government office had signed the pledge.

Once the election was over and the talk in Congress shifted to the fiscal cliff, then

the pledge started to look like a hindrance. Of course the fiscal cliff debates would be halted if 95% of all Republicans in Congress signed a pledge not to raise taxes.

Just look at it this way, pretend you were in a car accident, and your legs got crushed in the process. The doctors said that you are going to have to have both of your legs amputated if you have any chance of survival. But because you just got a scholarship to Syracuse University to play basketball, you decide to keep your legs and risk dying.

The government is the accident victim in this situation.

Because the Republicans signed a silly pledge that means nothing in any legal sense whatsoever (the scholarship), the country will go over a fiscal cliff and likely head toward the road that Greece took and Spain is currently on (the victim dying).

They are going to have to come to grips with suffering an electoral loss if they vote on a bill to stop us from going over the fiscal cliff that involves raising taxes.

If the American people are as sensible as I hope/think they are, I don't think the politicians signatures on the pledge will be a problem come election time.

# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Woody Allen – Born Dec 1, 1935

Born Allen Konigsberg in Brooklyn, comedian, satirist and decorated filmmaker Woody Allen had a modest upbringing, with childhood hobbies including magic tricks and playing clarinet (each of which he practices to this day). He initially started his career at 15, writing jokes for newspapers and television shows before trying stand-up comedy. After overcoming a bout of stage fright, Allen became a successful comedian. His first slice of Hollywood comedy came when working on the 1965 film “What’s New Pussycat.” While making this movie he encountered a power struggle with actors Warren Beatty and

Peter Sellers, and discovered his need to be in control during film production, which he would rarely relinquish for the remainder of his career. His directorial debut came in 1967 with the mockumentary “Take the Money and Run,” has incredibly managed to write, direct, and produce an average of one film per year since. Allen is also often a star in his own movies. Most recently, Allen has released the Academy Award-nominated films “Vicky Cristina Barcelona” and “Midnight in Paris,” two films featuring unique storylines, a trait consistent throughout Allen’s storied filmography.

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## Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” released – Nov 30, 1982

The magnitude of success reached by Michael Jackson’s second album, *Thriller*, is unparalleled in the annals of pop music. Selling over 65 million copies since its release, *Thriller* rightfully placed Jackson as the most iconic pop artist of the 20th century. It sold 40 million copies during its first two years, with seven of its nine tracks reaching the Billboard Top Ten. The release of *Thriller* was in perfect timing with the introduction of MTV, which adopted Jackson as its first superstar. His revolutionary and conceptually-advanced music videos supporting the album’s smash-hit singles were a staple on the early days of the music channel,

solidifying its status as the most successful new channel on cable television. The popularity of *Thriller* also helped push the acceptance of African American musicians in the 1980s, paving the way for R&B and hip-hop artists to gain popularity as the decade grew. Although Michael Jackson would never match the success he found after the release of *Thriller*, his status as the world’s “King of Pop” continued throughout his career despite moments of adversity that tarnished his legacy. Worldwide public respect following his death in 2009 was symbolic of his music’s importance to pop culture, thanks in part to the enormous success of *Thriller*.

facts courtesy of allmusic.com

## Oscar Wilde – Died Nov 30, 1900

Born 1854 in Ireland, Oscar Wilde was one of the most brilliant, outspoken and controversial authors of the 19th century. His father was a successful doctor, while his mother was a rebellious poet. Both sides of his genetic makeup would be apparent in his career, but first as an affluent student of classical Greek and Roman society at Trinity College. His life as a student took a detour in 1881, as Wilde began to focus on creative writing and released his first collection of poems. Subversive from poetry popular at the time, Wilde’s poetic style was more romantic, focusing on the beauty of words rather than taking any political or social stance. Wilde married

Constance Lloyd in 1884, and took the editing role at *Lady’s World* magazine, revamping the publication to great heights of popularity in England. His only novel, “*A Picture of Dorian Gray*,” was released in 1891 and criticized at the time for its lack of morality but was later considered a literary classic. He once again turned his artistic attention, this time to the stage, in 1895 when he produced several successful plays, including “*The Importance of Being Earnest*.” In the same year, Wilde was arrested for gross indecency when evidence of his homosexuality was discovered, and he spent his remaining years in a jail cell before dying of meningitis.

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# Movie Review: Wreck-It Ralph “charming and uplifting comedy”

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

Perhaps it’s a generalization, but it seems that people from my generation are more connected to the media from their childhood than any other.

A big reason for this is the internet. We were a generation raised on cable TV and Nintendo. We bonded over pop culture as children, and now we can do it all over again. You can become friends with a complete stranger because you both got stuck on the same boss level of <sup>a</sup>Sonic the Hedgehog 2.”

And this is where “Wreck-

It Ralph” comes in. The story takes place within the video games of a small town arcade. Ralph (John C. Reilly) is the villain of a Donkey Kong style game called “Fix-It Felix, Jr.” But when the arcade closes for the night Ralph stops being the bad guy and just wants to relax, though his status as a villain leaves him alienated from the hero characters.

After being left uninvited to the game’s 30th anniversary party he leaves the game in hopes of becoming a hero in another. However, when the arcade reopens in the morning, Ralph’s absence leaves the game unplayable and threatens to have it unplugged for good.

After a rather poor attempt at being a hero in a first-person shooter called “Hero’s Duty,” he winds up in a Candyland themed racing game called “Sugar Rush” where he befriends glitching wannabe racer Vanellope von Schweetz (Sarah Silverman). Vanellope desperately wants to race but is shunned by the other racers due to her being an unintentional glitch in the game’s programming. Together, she and Ralph help each other to achieve their dreams of being appreciated.

What prompted my intro about nostalgia is that Disney went hog wild licensing every classic video game character they could think of. Throughout

the film there are cameo appearances from Sonic the Hedgehog, Q-Bert, Pacman, Ken & Ryu from “Street Fighter,” and even Dig Dug.

Much of “Wreck-It Ralph” is based on in-jokes that will get laughs from the people who know the material, but might confuse those who don’t. Some are minor gags like a reference to a certain “Street Fighter” mini-game, but others are elaborate parodies like the fictional game “Hero’s Duty” which is a mash-up of “Gears of War” and “Starship Troopers” with a dash of “Alien” thrown in.

But even if you don’t have a vast knowledge of eighties and

nineties arcade games “Wreck-It Ralph” still works. Ralph and Vanellope are instantly relatable because Reilly and Silverman both instill an amazing charm in their characters, which were clearly tailor-suited for them. And while a lot of the gags are based in references, they mostly hold up on their own merits. You don’t need to know “Tapper” to laugh at the jokes about it, but it certainly helps.

Ultimately, “Wreck-It Ralph” feels as though it was marketed towards kids, but written for the twenty-somethings. But even then, it stands on its own feet as a charming and uplifting comedy that anybody can enjoy. Grade: A-



# Westfield State men's hockey team off to hot start on ice

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

In the past two seasons, the Westfield State men's ice hockey team has only accumulated a total of 13 wins.

The Owls are currently on pace to win more games than that this season alone, as Westfield has a record of 6-1 (as of November 28) with wins against Western New England and Division II foes Assumption and Stonehill.

The team this year has been much more disciplined as they have only committed 23 penalties through seven games.

However, the key factor to Westfield's early success this season has been their goal scoring. The team so far has scored 29 goals and only allowed 19.

Leading the team in scor-

ing is junior Vince Perreault, who has three goals and five assists. For his career, he has scored 21 goals in 56 total games.

Another key player that has stepped up for the Owls is sophomore goaltender Ian Perrier, who has a save percentage of .948 and has 218 saves this season.

In front of Perrier are two good defenders in Jeff Callahan and Billy Miller. Miller was on the All-MASCAC First Team last year and has continued his stellar play so far this season.

The team was the 15th ranked Division III team in the country before a 6-0 loss at eighth ranked Amherst last week. This national recognition is huge for the program as this is the first time the team has been ranked nationally after coming back as a varsity sport in 2008



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Westfield sophomore goalie Ian Perrier has been clutch for the Owls this season.

after 20 years of not existing.

The Owls are atop the MASCAC conference right now and look poised to contin-

ue their success and try to win the conference tournament. The ultimate goal for Westfield is to advance to the NCAA Divi-

sion III tournament. The Owls are home next Saturday at 5:35 p.m. when they face off against Becker College at Amelia Park.

## Opinion: An open invitation to Chip Kelly from Jacksonville

**Cody Goldman**  
Voice Reporter

As the NFL season and playoff picture begins to take shape, it is becoming more and more obvious to see the teams that are not going to make the playoffs or even make a playoff push.

One of these teams resides in the AFC South division and this team is the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Currently sitting at 2-9, the Jags are the second worst team in the NFL behind the Kansas City Chiefs, who sit at a whopping 1-10.

Being 2-9 is absolutely pathetic and with newly hired billionaire general manager Shad Khan to say that I expect changes this offseason is an understatement.

Shad Khan took the reigns

over last season and hired current coach Mike Mularkey who was the former offensive coordinator of the Atlanta Falcons.

The move to hire Mularkey was made in hopes of making second-year quarterback Blaine Gabbert into a better quarterback the same way that Mularkey helped Matt Ryan become one of the league's best.

Unfortunately, for Mularkey and Gabbert, this season has been an absolute travesty. Gabbert has not played up to expectations at all this season and recently was pronounced out for the season with a shoulder injury.

For Mularkey he was not only suppose to make Gabbert better but as a head coach he is suppose to make the entire team better which has not happened at all.

Therefore, with this being said I am writing this article to address Shad Khan. Admit your

mistake of hiring Mularkey and fire him immediately. This offseason the Jags have the highest amount of money to spend in free agency and I would like to send a significant amount of this money to Oregon Duck coach Chip Kelly.

Kelly has proven year in and year out that he is a winner. The Ducks continually are at the top of college football and to be honest, there is not much Chip Kelly can do anymore besides win a National Title.

He has done everything else that he can possibly do and I believe that he should take his up-tempo offense and bring it to Jacksonville.

Kelly can leave Oregon with his head held high since he put Oregon football on the map and it makes sense for Jacksonville because, honestly, it can't get any worse can it?

If Kelly decides to come to Jacksonville, his up-tempo

offensive attack would already have its centerpiece with Maurice Jones-Drew, an offensive player that is more talented than any player Kelly has ever coached before.

Kelly likes to run the read option, which is regarded as a system that does not really work within the NFL but we watched Tim Tebow run it last year with Denver and they even won a playoff game.

I am NOT advocating that Tebow come to Jacksonville and run Kelly's offense, I am just pointing out that it has worked. The quarterback that I think would best fit Kelly's offense would be Michael Vick.

Vick is expected to be released after this season by the Eagles since they are having a miserable season as well. The Jags will have plenty of money and can spend it to get Vick to come to Jacksonville and run this read option offense with

MJD.

It would give Vick a new beginning and bring him back to his roots of the read option, which he ran in college at Virginia Tech.

If Kelly comes to Jacksonville I believe it would immediately be an instant upgrade from Mularkey. For people that say college coaches don't do well in the NFL, look at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers who hired former Rutgers coach Greg Schiano.

They are right in the hunt for the playoffs. I believe with the acquisitions of Kelly and Vick in the offseason the Jags would become the second best team in the AFC South behind the Houston Texans and they would be able to win a wild card spot and get back to the playoffs.

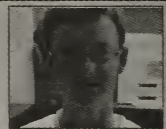
Chip Kelly, as a lifetime Jaguars fan I am pleading with you to come to Jacksonville and make us relevant again.

# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

*By: Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



The 2014 college football season will mark the arrival of a four-team playoff system that will ultimately satisfy the overwhelming majority of fans.

Although change is on the horizon, fans and critics alike will always continue to find flaws in the system. The next critique observers will have is that there are not enough playoff spots, and that there are still more teams deserving of a shot at the title.

Earlier this year in January, fans thought the great debate over who is deserving of a national title birth was over. Spectators will soon find out

that the selection committee picking all four teams for the playoffs will have to make a bunch of tough calls between a number of one loss teams.

Instead of the debate right now over one or two other teams that could make a case, there will be close to 10 teams in the future who could make a legitimate case for the final two spots in the playoffs.

By eliminating the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), college football fans will be losing something that has been a staple of the sport for decades. They're losing the rivalry games that have flourished into some-

thing bigger than four quarters of football.

A harsh reality fans will have to accept is that rivalry games like the Civil War, Iron Bowl and The Game will lose an edge directly correlated to the expansion of a playoff system.

The excitement pumped into one weekend at the end of November will be lost amidst a four-team playoff decided by a selection committee that will deem four teams worthy of a championship opportunity.

Teams atop the polls heading into the final weekend of November can lose and still

have a shot to make the four team playoff.

The length of a college football season has served almost as a 12 game playoff; an undefeated season means a championship birth. Losing to anyone puts you at risk of missing out, especially late in the season.

The current system is clear cut, without any surprises. The task at hand is simple: Remain undefeated.

When will fans be happy?

There are 120 NCAA Division I FBS schools. It's not to be compared to professional

sports in a sense that there are clear-cut corrections to be made to this flawed system.

As the game of college football evolves, so will the playoff system. There is no right or wrong answer here.

At the end of the day, college football is better off with a playoff. The colleges will gain more revenue while keeping more teams in the hunt through the three-month season.

Although the game is progressively improving, it is important to note that the forever ending debate on the college football postseason is long from concluding.

## Opinion: Jack Taylor's 138-point game is not good for basketball

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

The other day, I was watching a college basketball game between UNC and Butler, a game in which viewers witnessed some great team basketball.

While watching, I went on my Twitter to talk about the game, but to my surprise, my timeline was filled with college basketball analysts talking about a Division III basketball player who scored 138 points in a single game.

When I read this, I was amazed, and many things ran through my mind. Was this an eight-overtime game or was the score like 300-298?

However, these guesses were proven wrong when I later found out this scoring output was done in a regulation game and that the winning team (Grinnell College) won by a score of 179-104 over Faith

Baptist Bible.

Looking at the box score of the 138-point scorer, Jack Taylor, you notice some head scratching stats.

Taylor made 52 shots out of 108, 27 of those makes were from three point range, and he took 71 total three point shots.

The best part of all is that he didn't have any assists in the game. Yup, that's right, a kid took 108 shots and didn't pass the ball to any of his teammates so they could have an opportunity to score.

My frustration does not lie with young Jack Taylor, who despite his inability to pass the ball is not to blame for this. No rather it is his coach and the system he runs that I have a problem with.

As a Yahoo Sports article pointed out, the system that Grinnell runs is a ball hog's dream and one that focuses on one player rather than the team. The first shot is the best shot, no matter if it is from five feet or 25 feet, but preferably 25 feet.

Additionally:

- Take as many 3-pointers as possible.

- Defensively, giving up an uncontested layup is better than forcing a shot-clock violation.

- The ball-handler is double-teamed at all times.

So in essence, if an opponent gets past your press, the mentality is to let them score — who cares.

This was on full display in the Faith Baptist Bible game as they had a player score 77 points in the game.

Most of the points came from easy non-contested layups in which Grinnell players were nowhere near him.

I was really bored the other day, and decided to watch some of this hotly contested game, and some things that I noticed were astounding.

There were numerous possessions where Taylor would throw up a shot, miss, and his teammate would get the rebound wide open under the

basket.

Instead of scoring an easy layup, they would throw it back to Taylor where he would shoot another three. In fact, there were occasions when this happened three times during a single possession.

But I want to reiterate that my frustration is not with Jack Taylor, as he was just playing

the system that he was taught.

My frustration is with the coach, who implemented this one-player style and gets headlines for it.

It is not the way basketball is supposed to be played and sends a negative message to many young players who are learning how to play basketball.

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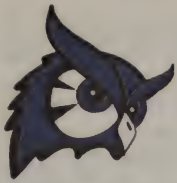
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## “Transient” a compelling display of cinematography

**Mary Zagula**  
Voice Reporter

Filmed over the three month summer period in various locations in Westfield and Worcester, what began as an independent study project, the film “Transient,” turned into a leading example of humanitarianism, craftsmanship, and cinematography at its finest.

“Transient” made its debut last Saturday, December 1st, at 7:30p.m. in Dever Auditorium at Westfield State University. Approximately 64 minutes in length, the film followed the plight of two characters – a homeless man just trying to survive and a businessman whose world is rapidly crumbling- and their experiences and introduction to the world of poverty and homelessness.

“The life of a homeless person involves a lot of wandering around from place to place, and having little knowledge about what the future holds. This is where the title, ‘Transient,’ spawns from,” said producer and co-writer Nicholas Rexford, a senior Communication major at WSU.

Ninety-four people from all over New England showed up for the “unpaid student film” casting call posted on [www.newenglandfilm.com](http://www.newenglandfilm.com). After a 6-hour audition process the 24 person

cast was finally selected.

“I have been in a number of student films, but I’ve never had the privilege of being involved with a project with such scope,” said leading actor David Brown, who played the role of the homeless man.

Brown felt the film was successful in accomplishing Rexford’s goal of countering the common stigma and preconceptions of homelessness being only a result of poor decisions, such as drugs and alcohol.

“Homelessness,” said Brown, “is the result of many outside societal factors and can affect anyone.” He went on to say that the threat of being homeless could be only a few steps away from any one of us.

Other leading actor, Patrick Fahey, who played the anxious businessman,

said that the topic of homelessness is what originally drew him to the film.

One night after being casted, but before the filming of “Transient” began, Fahey grilled up some steaks, peppers, and pineapples, bought a pack of cigarettes and six pack of beer, and walked a couple of blocks to where he knew local homeless men hung out at night.

“We sat sharing the food and drinks, and stories for a good three hours,” said Fahey. “It was one of the great experiences of my life.”

It can be said that Rexford’s skillful knowledge and application of cam-

*... As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

- 2 Corinthians 4:18



photo by Mary Zagula

“Transient” creator Nicholas Rexford smiles alongside his two lead actors in the film.

era work, helped to beautifully convey “Transient’s” enlightening message.

“Nick has such a strong eye for composition of frame,” said Madeline Cahill, Rexford’s faculty advisor for the project. Cahill, a known film connoisseur, has taught several film courses at WSU.

“One of the scenes that remains in

my mind, is of the homeless man walking through an opening in a fence with reeds blowing in the foreground,” said Cahill. “He is in the background. No one sees him, no one hears him-he’s silent; he appears to be like a ghost. But he’s not a ghost. He’s a real person with a

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# Quick Hits

**Friday, December 7**

10:00a.m.

Craft Fair

Dean Dining Hall

7:00p.m.

Movie: Ted

Ely Main Lounge

11:00p.m.

Brown Bag Bingo

Ely Main Lounge

**Saturday, December 8**

5:30p.m.

Ice Hockey vs. Becker

College

Amelia Park

8:00p.m.

Minute to Win It

Ely Main Lounge

**Sunday, December 9**

8:00p.m.

Movie: Ted

Ely Main Lounge

**Monday, December 10**

7:30p.m.

Night Owls

Dever Auditorium

# SGA update

by Rebecca DiVico

**December 4, 2012 Meeting**

- Jessica Murphy, Assistant Director of the Campus Center, and Billy Dunn, the Assistant Director of Residential Life came and showed a video of the Leadership Voyage that took place in mid-October.

- Stephanie Close, President of SGA, spoke again about the wreathing ceremony that will take place on December 11th at 9 am at Stanley Park.

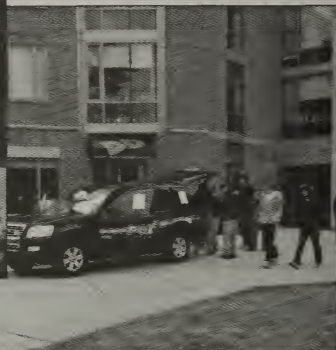
- Josh Frank, Vice President of Finance, brought a finance proposal from the Musical Theatre Guild, asking for money to put on their spring production. The proposal was passed by Senate.

- The Student Government's next and last meeting for the semester is Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 5:30. All meetings are open to the public.



photos by Voice Staff

WSU's annual "Stuff A Cruiser" event was held Tuesday in front of Dunkin' Donuts.



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## WSU students travel to NYC ad agency



*photo by Donny Washburn*

Students from Westfield State visit Arnold Ad Agency in New York City.

### Donny Washburn Voice Reporter

A group of students from Westfield State were shown the departments of a New York City advertising agency and learned how they run products and pitch advertising campaigns.

Dave Conte, a senior at Westfield State said that the visit to Arnold Advertising Agency was his favorite part of the trip.

He said it was nice to get an innovative first hand look of what the industry is like and was very grateful for the opportunity.

Arnold works with many different clients worldwide and has a variety of popular companies that has succeeded.

These companies include all advertising to Hershey's, Reese's, and Progressive Insurance. They walked through the many different steps in the process of an ad campaign with some of the tricks and troubles that go along with it.

"Every year this confer-

ence provides students with an inside look at the workings of an advertising agency and the type of careers available in this dynamic field," said Westfield State business and advertising professor Denise Hughes.

The agency had four representatives give a rundown of how they go about creating and pitching advertising campaigns all the way into the production of a commercial.

The representatives that spoke were the account manager, new business associate, creative director, and the recruiting director.

"I loved the trip to Arnold," said business major Mitch Moody. "I was surprised at how laid back everybody was. The environment was very open and informal, which helps for the flow of ideas and creativity."

The trip also included a series of workshops and speakers at the Advertising Women of New York advertising career conference.

The two keynote speakers, Jeffrey Hayzlett and Mary

Baglivo, were proven business experts that shared multiple experiences behind the success of their marketing strategies.

Both days the group was drilled with information from experienced business professionals in the different workshops that were available.

The workshops pertained to media and ad sales, marketing and public relations, interactive media, account planning and many more concentrations of the advertising field.

"I liked how we got to meet people who were among our age group that were already making advertisements that I see every day," said Westfield business major Chris Dixon. "They showed me the next steps on how to get wear I want to be in life."

The whole trip opened up a great amount of influence for students in their pursuit for a job.

An understanding of the market through others experiences helps pinpoint what exactly the right direction is.

## Coffey Break with Michelle Kooyomijian

*by Kylie Coffey*



Hometown: Worcester, MA  
Major: Movement Science

1. How many Twitter followers do you have?

130.

2. What song do you currently have on repeat?

F\*\*\*ing problem by the one and only A\$AP Rocky.

3. Ranch or barbeque sauce? Why?

Ranch. It goes best with Pandini's pizza and hot sauce.

4. In your opinion, what is the ugliest color?

Puke green.

5. Favorite weekend night and why?

Saturday. You know why.

6. What is your favorite class this semester?

Group Exercise.

7. How does the Victoria Secret Fashion Show make you feel?

Fat.

8. Are you on the naughty or nice list this year?

Definitely naughty.

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# Communications consultant Salome Kahiu speaks at WSU

JR Nieb  
Voice Reporter

Salome M. Kahiu, an independent communications consultant at the Five Women's College Research Center, said that in Africa, there is a digital divide between the people who do have access to technology and those who do not.

Kahiu, who is from Kenya, gave a speech this past week in the Scanlon Living Room at Westfield State University. She said there would be a technological evolution for people who do not have access to technology.

"There are common transhumanists and their logic is that technology is growing exponentially," she said.

Kahiu said that there soon will be a technology that will intercept and accelerate natural evolution to create a new human species. She said that is the way that the technological evolution will capsize the New World. She said she does not define the new world the same way that the United Nations defines it.

"The best platform for me to showcase this is to look at social networking sites," she said.

Kahiu said that the increasing interface causes increase in relationships and people realize that they ask computers more than just questions nowadays.

"We're not just looking for analytical solutions anymore," she said. "We're looking to look for companionship for them to cheer us up when you're sad."

Kahiu said it is becoming a more personal and intimate relationship and that communication gadgets, such as telephones and computers have become the gate keepers into the new world. Kahiu said people actively craft images of themselves that they would always like to present and what they think is radically different about themselves.

"In every human being, there is a desire to be appreciated and social networking sites have tapped into this need," she said. "And every light and comment makes us feel that we are being heard."

Kahiu said Kenya has

been known for using robot forms and the money transaction system, which have been very successful because people of different cultures have distributed to the country's wealth.

If people are working in the city and they want to send some money to somebody who does not know what there is, then they are spreading the use of robot telephones.

Kahiu said the use of robot telephones is restricted to the urban youth. She said people in Nairobi who have good access to computers and smart phones that they can afford are able to look online and participate in political debates and entertainment.

"In conclusion, in a country mine, where the youth are the majority," said Kahiu. "We are experiencing different levels of politics of exclusion."

Kahiu said people who have access to electricity probably have phones to help them do the simplest things, such as send and receive money, send texts and make calls every once and a while. Kahiu said these people do not have access to

the internet. She said the people who do have access to the internet, do not really use Twitter.

"In fact, there's a rivalry between Twitter groups and people on Facebook," said Kahiu. "Twitter groups are more entitled to use cyberspace than people on Facebook."

She said there is always a constant exclusion of the people that supposed to be part of a political debate and revolution in their country.

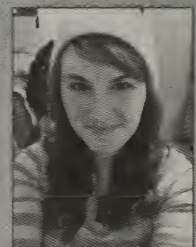
"It's not a matter of a lack of accessibility to functioning technology," she said. "It's a matter of rejecting the process

of conceiving this technology."

Kahiu said that class is already being divided by who has what because of the wedges that already exist in Kenya. Kahiu said the New World order is said to be ushered in through technology.

"Most of our own technology remains at the top dictating world policies, judging who should be included in this utopia, who should be cut out," said Kahiu. "And those who cannot or there is a being out extinguished because they're no longer in sync with the strongest."

## Editor's Desk



Hi all!

I know we're all thinking about finals and whatnot. But to change the subject, you should all check out my Pinterest page. I'm obsessed and just recently started a board called "Hardy-Har." Everything I pinned is hysterical!

I'm also obsessed with Hairspray. I love the movie, but I would kill to see it on Broadway. I've seen RENT off-broadway twice and it's amazing, so I can only imagine how awesome Hairspray would be. Too bad it's not on Broadway anymore. Maybe I'll start a petition to get it back.

Anyway, there's one more paper next week, so *please* everyone write and make it the best one of the semester! We need you! And good luck with finals and whatnot :)

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## Student film a campus success

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complicated life story, which we all have. And that's what Nick's film is trying to say."

To add to the list of positive attributes, "Transient" provided audience members with an unexpected plot twist.

Toward the end of the film it was revealed that the storyline was actually portraying two separate points in time, making it even more apparent how an individual could be pulled into poverty.

"I kind of had the basic idea that the two characters were somehow connected," said WSU junior Dylan Welsted, "But I was surprised when we found out they were actually

one in the same."

Rexford shared his success with others by thanking everyone who helped him during the filmmaking process, both with production and support.

Among the many he mentioned who helped collaborate in making "Transient," he noted WSU seniors Peter Gucwa for co-writing the story, Jeff Carvalho for creating the original score soundtrack, and Robin Reiss for doing the production sound.

"Nick is one of the kindest and most easy going people I've ever met. There was never a time during the writing process that I felt rushed. I am excited to see what other works of art that he will create," said Gucwa.

Gucwa's sentiment concerning Rexford's character and potential as a groundbreaking filmmaker seems to be a common opinion among those who have either worked with Rexford, or seen his movies.

"I remember saying I could tell he was a humanitarian," said Cahill. "And he said something that, to me, epitomizes Nick Rexford. He said, 'I love people and I love loving people.'"

Cahill said, "I think that's all you need to know about Nick. The world's a better place because of him and I know he's going to do great things with film; he's going to do more films that make the world a better place."



## Westfield alum shares success story, mentors students through Career Connections

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

Matthew Donahue, a Westwood native and a graduate of the class of 2010, has found the tools to success and is sharing his story and his advice to undergraduate students as a Career Mentor through Career Connections.

But success did not get handed to Donahue, who had worked at jobs non-related to his degree and jobs that he wasn't completely happy with before getting hired as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch.

"After graduation, I worked my summer job driving a truck and working as a deckhand on a lobster boat," said Donahue. "I knew this was not giving me any new experience or advantageous edge."

Soon after, Donahue started using personal and professional networks he maintained over the years to try to find an entry-level job in the field that he studied. Because of his networks, he was hired at a bank almost an hour from his house in Westwood as a personal banking representative.

"I sucked it up for a year but told myself I would leverage my new job for as much new experience as possible to network for further opportunities," he said.

Donahue became licensed in selling life insurance in the mean time to broaden his horizons. One of his new client's was a financial advisor, and after telling Donahue about what he does, Donahue decided that financial advising seemed like an exciting career possibility.

"After speaking with this client on multiple occasions, he mentioned his company was hiring and asked me if I was interested," he said. "I scraped by the entry exams and intimidating board interviews to get

where I am."

Donahue learned what it meant to be a financial advisor by observing one assist clients. But he said that being a personal banking representative helped him transition easily into financial advisement.

"As a personal banking assistant, I was able to help customers, but not holistically," he said. "I was licensed and began to offer life insurances products and annuities but that was only a piece of the pie. I wanted to be someone's go to guy and manage all of their financial affairs."

He said that financial advising allows the representative to get to know their clients on a more personal basis and understand their long-term financial accomplishments.

"A good financial advisor wears many hats. You become a life coach and feel almost like a psychiatrist when some folks lay everything on the table for you both financially and personally," he said.

Donahue did not always want to become a financial advisor. In fact, he didn't major in Finance at all. When a high school aged Matthew Donahue was applying to colleges, Westfield State was at the top of his list.

"I applied to Westfield State because they have the best criminal justice program in New England," he said. "I also applied to UMass Amherst but got wait-listed. By the time I got accepted, I already made up my mind. I was going to Westfield."

Donahue planned on becoming a state trooper or a federal agent for the CIA or Postal Inspection. As part of his core curriculum, he chose to take economics classes.

"Professor [John] Wagner told me if I double-majored then it would open a lot of doors for me," he said. "I've never

been much of a numbers guy but I found that economics was a passion of mine."

Donahue went on to say that Professor Wagner's Money and Banking class was one of the most instrumental courses when it comes to his career.

With his double major, Donahue planned on becoming a white-collar investigator for the IRS. Come senior year, he found out he did not have enough accounting classes to continue on that route.

"That's when I decided I would dive into the financial services industry because I could always fall back into investigative work after I got some experience under my belt," he said.

After graduating in 2010, Donahue decided to give back to his Alma Mater and help out undergraduate students figure out their career goals as a career mentor through Career Connections. He chose to become a mentor after remembering how helpful it was to understand the career paths of professionals in the field he was studying.

"They were able to give firsthand insight into their field and help me determine whether or not it was something I could see myself doing," he said. "It's amazing how people are willing to help out if you just ask."

Being a mentor, he has some advice for juniors and seniors who are nearing the end of their college experiences and are starting to job search. Firstly, utilize career services. Next, take responsibility for your future and set career goals for yourself.

"If you feel comfortable at school or work than you're not doing the right thing," he said. "If you're comfortable you aren't learning anything or pushing yourself. Put yourself out there all the time. Never take your foot off the gas."

A piece of advice that Do-

## Editor's Desk



"Your costume is pretty."  
"Oh it's not a costume. I'm an elf! Well, I'm a human, but I was raised by elves."  
"Oh, I'm a human... raised by humans!"

Okay, I know this has nothing to do with the newspaper, but it's the holiday season and Elf just fits.

Plus...writing quotes in my Editor's Desk is my favorite. Go ahead. Say it. "Make work your favorite!"

I am! Right after I say this: It's unbelievable how fast this semester went and it's unimaginable that next week will be the last issue before break. I will give all my thanks to everyone who has helped make this semester a success, but for today, I want to thank all of you for reading and supporting us every step of the way! There'd be no need for a paper without people to read it. So, thank you!

Now, I have to go. Santas coming.

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Donahue thinks is very important is to constantly network.

"You don't have to ask them to get you a job. Just grab coffee with them and find out what they do," he said.

When he was in school, Donahue knew that keeping his grades up was essential. He also made sure he scored an internship. He interned at the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and even though he did not pursue the criminal justice track, he said that it gave him experience that he uses in his career today.

"My resume was nothing too earth-shattering, but at the end of the day it's about getting good grades and gaining invaluable experience through interning and volunteering. If

you have those two elements your all set," he said. Matthew Donahue is an example of hard work paying off. He is one of many Career Mentors on Career Connections.

Stuck on where you want to go in life and think that talking to someone will help you decide your career track? Head over to the Career Services website and click on "Career Connections" to get started. Log on and start talking to many mentors like Donahue who are excited to share their story and help students figure out the next step in their careers.

"I'm passionate about my career and I look forward to overcoming the challenges ahead," Donahue said.

# Competency and Conservatism: Talk about 2016 already

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

We are barely one month removed from the last presidential election and political pundits are already talking about 2016. As the adage goes "if you can't beat them, join them."

And so I've chosen to join the long list of pontificators by offering my opinion on the matter. I think the most talked about candidate for president is Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

She has publicly stated that she is tired and wants to leave politics. And recently has been caught talking to her friends in the Iowa Democratic Party. So let me say: I believe she is tired, but the ambition is obviously still there.

Even if Clinton ultimately decides to sit the election out, it would be foolish to believe she didn't give it any thought.

Other Democrats who have signaled interest in the race include: Vice President Joe Biden, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer, New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Virginia Senator Mark Warner.

While this list is obviously speculative, I'm willing to bet money that almost every-

one on this list decides to run.

There are names that could be added and some that might be taken away; but it's safe to say these people have been showing that they might want to jump into the race. The specter of Hillary Clinton could be enough to keep Andrew Cuomo out of the game.

However it is interesting to imagine a primary race between Biden and Clinton. That would be great politics and we would certainly have a few laughs along the way. The Vice President is a formidable opponent, but it's not certain the party-faithful are willing to give him the nomination.

There are people out there saying Vice President Biden is not going to run, but he'd be crazy not to give it a shot.

Pivoting towards the GOP the most talked about candidate is probably New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. After his response to Hurricane Sandy, the Governor's popularity is flying high. Some Republicans are still bitter about his praise for President Obama, but that will blow over.

Christie would make an exciting candidate due to his nonsense demeanor. Although he can appear quite bombastic at times, the New Jersey Governor would certainly give Americans the straight-talking candi-

diate they want.

Other republicans mentioned as perspective candidates are: Florida Senator Marco Rubio, former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, Wisconsin Representative Paul Ryan, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell, former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman (my personal favorite), Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, former Senator Rick Santorum, Texas Governor Rick Perry and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley.

Again, I would be willing to bet money that most of these people jump into the presidential waters. While the Democrats will be dealing with holding onto the White House after a two-term presidency, the Republicans will be fighting for the viability of their party. This should be another high intensity campaign, much like 2008.

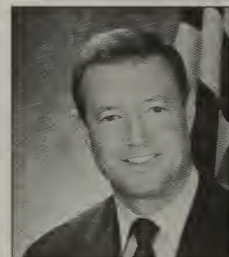
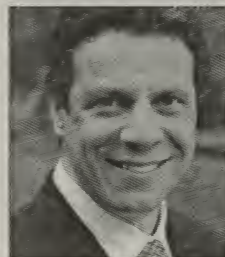
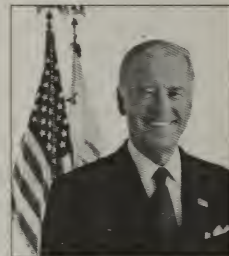
Whereas the Democrats have the kingmakers: Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden, the Republicans do not have a leader and most of the people on the list are in strong disagreement with each other.

This should be an all out brawl for the direction of the Republican Party and hopefully for the White House. Remember that Rick Santorum was the runner up this time around and he will probably have some staying power next time.

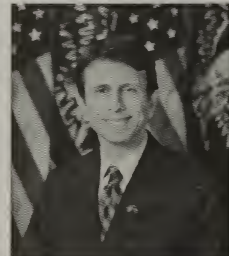
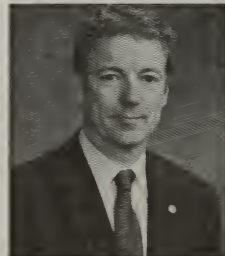
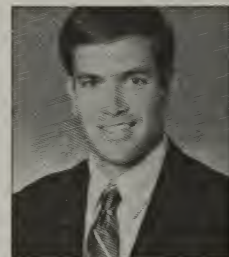
As much as a Santorum nomination scares the heck out of me, a popular favorite like Christie, Rubio or Ryan could steal this thing.

In any case this is going to be exciting. President Obama hasn't even had his second inaugural address and we're still four years out.

Apparently we're heading off a "fiscal cliff" and the world is ending in a couple of weeks. So reading this article could have been a big waste of time. The jury is still out on this one, but thanks for reading!



Possible 2016 Democratic presidential nominees: Hilary Clinton, Joe Biden (top), Andrew Cuomo and Martin O'Malley (bottom).



Possible 2016 Republican presidential nominees: Chris Christie, Marco Rubio(top), Rand Paul and Bobby Jindal (bottom).

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# Liberalism Today: The cost of college is too high

**Ryan Merceri**  
Voice Reporter

The other day, I was spending some time with my mom at her house.

She had a look of concern on her face. Now, my mom always has a look of concern on her face, but she seemed particularly worried.

I asked her what was wrong, but she didn't really answer. I did a little bit of snooping, and found a bill past due.

It was a bill for my older brother's student loans. My mom had taken out almost eighty grand in student loan debt for my brother.

College should be free. In this country, we have a student loan debt system totaling a trillion dollars; that's more than the credit card debt owed by all Americans.

Worst still, it cannot be

eliminated by bankruptcy.

College is practically a need if a person wants a decent job.

The statistics are alarming; some studies suggest that a person with a bachelor's degree is going to make anywhere from one to four million more dollars a year than a person with just a high school diploma.

You can't be a teacher or a doctor or a lawyer without a degree.

My mom's job hired her almost thirty years ago without even a high school diploma.

Today, that same job requires a master's degree in sociology.

College has become a system where students take out massive amounts of debt to pay for a degree, which can't even guarantee them a job.

Students work their butts off, getting little sleep and some coming near to having a ner-

vous breakdown, and all the while racking up debt, and for what?

How many unemployed degree holders are there? Quite a few.

The fact is that college is not a sham; however, the dirty little secret is that the education received is not a fair trade for the cost.

Anyone who seriously wants to educate themselves can do so without college; it's simply the piece of paper you pay for.

Yet, you are required to take courses that are irrelevant to your major or courses that you don't need to take because you already know the material.

For example, when I attended Springfield Technical Community College, I was required to take a biology class.

I took Honors Biology in high school, as well as anatomy and physiology. In addition, I'm

a history major.

It was not necessary to take that biology course. I spent a semester languishing in that class and I had to pay for it.

If students are indeed consumers of a product, as some economists claim, shouldn't we have the right to choose what the product is we are purchasing? Shouldn't we be able to choose all our classes?

Since there isn't nearly as much wiggle room as there should be, and since a college degree is a necessity in today's society, it should be free.

Public education is free and open to all. College should be the same.

It's insane to think of the cost of college; Emerson College cost my brother over 100K in debt!

Young students are being forced to basically purchase mortgages.

However, they aren't

guaranteed a home to live in or any other security.

Rather, they are purchasing a chance to get a good job.

We need degrees. It's a fact of life. It's cruel and wrong to make us pay for something that is a necessity.

It's why public education is funded by the government.

It's why seniors get Medicare, and why social security exists.

Furthermore, eliminating all that student loan debt only increases our purchasing power.

Think of what we could do with that money instead of paying off loans.

This isn't socialist propaganda; many places in Europe, as well as Australia and New Zealand, have some form of free college. We should too.

After all, we are the most powerful and prosperous country in the world, right?

# Music review: Student's top 10 albums of 2012

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

With each year that passes by, I find that it becomes more and more difficult to find exciting, original music.

I am one of the many music enthusiasts that find much of today's popular music dreadful and irritating.

However, this just means that I have to dig deeper and look harder in order to find those albums that make me step back and think.

If you are looking for some new, interesting music that isn't your typical Top 40 fare, I have compiled a list of my favorite albums of 2012, in numbered order. Enjoy!

**"Local Business"- Titus Andronicus.** Jersey punks Titus

Andronicus followed up their sophomore success "The Monitor" with "Local Business," an album with a completely different sound and a more complex message.

Titus veterans Patrick Stickles (vocals/guitar) and Eric Harm (drums) add some new faces to the mix, giving us a more laid-back, depressing vibe than their previous albums.

**Recommended listeners:** Those looking for an existential, psychological punk-fueled romp.

**Top tracks:** "Ecce Homo," "Still Life With Hot Deuce On Silver Platter," "My Eating Disorder," "In A Small Body."

**"Handwritten"- The Gaslight Anthem.** The Gaslight Anthem do it again with their fourth LP "Handwritten," a deviation from their 2010 re-

lease "American Slang."

**Handwritten** takes front man Brian Fallon's favorite topics- love, America, sadness, music, and Jersey- to whole new level.

**Recommended listeners:** Fans of The Gaslight Anthem and Springsteen enthusiasts.

**Top tracks:** "Handwritten," "Here Comes My Man," "Too Much Blood," "Howl," "National Anthem," and "Teenage Rebellion."

**"There Goes My Virtue"- Twin Berlin.** Boston pop-punks Twin Berlin continue to provide catchy, danceable tunes with an edge through "There Goes My Virtue."

This wonderfully mastered, three track EP combines Twin Berlin's pop-punk feel with grungy, distorted guitars, and a throbbing bass, providing

a cornucopia of sound..

**Recommended listeners:** Pop-punks, people that want to support local music, and those with a craving for decent, catchy tunes.

**Recommended tracks:** The whole EP, but especially "Can't Take, Take, Take" and "Give Up On Me."

**"Self-Titled EP"- Mitigue.** Reggae/Punk band Mitigue, hailing from Connecticut, brilliantly combines ska, punk, and reggae and turns it into a raspy, laid-back look at heartbreak and drug addiction.

With the plodding bass lines, silky riffs, and tinges of synthesizer, Mitigue brings it all to the table and leaves the listener hungry for seconds. The entire EP is a must-listen.

**Recommended listeners:** Those who appreciate a gor-

geous blend of musical genres and influences, the heartbroken, and those looking for something to lay back and relax with.

**SCHEMERS EP- SKATERS.** New York City's very own Indie/punks/rockers SKATERS provide fresh songs with their debut EP "SCHEMERS."

Bringing to mind such bands as The Strokes, Twin Berlin, Girls, with a darker, garage-rock sound, SKATERS astound listeners with their musical prowess.

However, their EP doesn't do their live show justice. If you have the chance to see them, I highly recommend it.

**Recommended listeners:** Fans of The Strokes, Twin Berlin, and Girls; garage-rockers,

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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

*Ramblings from a Noninterventionist*

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



I have to be honest folks, I think I've struggled writing my column this semester more than at any other point during my time at Westfield State.

Now that's not because I haven't had things to say – quite the opposite in fact. I have more things to say than most people have time to listen.

What I've lacked throughout this semester is time.

Time to write this column, time to balance my schoolwork and other activities with the dreadful task of applying to law schools (I thought I just chill out with applying to schools once I was in college), and time to let my mind relax while I just chill out for a few minutes.

I know everyone is busy, so I don't think anything about my life makes it busier or more challenging than anyone else's. But I thought senior year would be a time to enjoy my last months of my undergraduate college career when in fact I've had more to do during this semester than at any other time in college.

So just finding the time to sit down and write has really been a chore at times (especially right now with the semester winding down), which is why I'm currently writing at 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

Don't get me wrong. I love to write, and I'm lucky that it has always come pretty naturally to me. Some of my best friends struggle over a three-page paper for days while I can write ten pages in a few hours.

But at this point in the semester when I am spending most of my days writing those final term papers, finding the motivation to do any outside writing isn't always easy.

Okay, well if you're still

with me after that petty rant, let's move on to something worthy of your valuable time.

During halftime of NBC's Sunday Night Football broadcast this past week, Bob Costas gave what some have called a lecture on gun control in response to the tragic Jovan Belcher murder-suicide (read Joey Cooper's column on page 13 for his take on the incident).

Costas has come under heavy media scrutiny for his controversial remarks, especially from conservatives and pro-gun advocates.

Costas, echoing FOXSports columnist Jason Whitlock, essentially made the argument that rampant gun possession in American society increases domestic violence and leads to these types of tragedies.

Many have criticized Costas for making the argument that society should go after the weapon instead of the people who wield it (meaning going after the bad guys rather than stricter gun control regulation).

Others have praised him for standing up and saying what many are too fearful to say – that the lack of gun regulation in many states, specifically regarding semi-automatic or assault weapons, is a serious problem.

Now people on both sides of this argument have strong opinions and valid reasoning to support their points. It's a very divisive issue, and while many claim to know the true definition of the Second Amendment, there aren't many simpler phrases with such a convoluted meaning.

It seems that when shooting tragedies occur, whether it was the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre, the 2012 Aurora

movie theatre shooting or this past weekend's tragic murder in Kansas City, gun control issues once again reach the forefront of the American media landscape.

But after time, with foreign policy and economic issues more salient in the minds of most people, gun violence stories seem to fade away and the problems with gun regulation just disappear from most people's minds.

As I thought about Costas' comments and the media firestorm regarding gun control and violence in America, I realized that I've never formulated very strong views on either side of the issue.

I do agree with the general interpretation of the Second Amendment that individuals unaffiliated with a militia have the right to bear arms, whether that be for hunting, self-defense or a number of other valid reasons.

But I agree with the general idea that I think Costas was trying to proliferate. Should people be able to walk around with assault weapons for self-defense or acquire a handgun the way someone would buy a loaf of bread at Wal-Mart? Many gun rights advocates would say yes. I say no.

Would our country, specifically cities with the highest gun violence crime rates, be better off with tighter gun regulations and less guns on the streets? I think so.

It will be interesting to see what happens with the gun control debate during President Obama's second term in office.

I do think their needs to be a solution for better control over the sale and use of firearms without excessive regulations for those who legally possess a

gun for a legitimate purpose.

Many complain about how arduous a task it's become to acquire a gun permit in certain states... sorry, but this isn't like buying a television. If anything, it's more like getting a driver's license, and that process isn't exactly a piece of cake.

The overwhelming majority of Americans who possess a gun will never commit an act of violence like what Jovan Belcher did a week ago. And I believe the main issue with murder of course lies with the individual committing the crime, not the weapon itself.

But for those who say that a murderer would have killed someone whether or not they had a gun, I don't think I buy that argument.

Some people of course would still kill others even if they couldn't access a gun. But doesn't the ability to possess a gun so easily make it much more likely that someone will commit a violent act?

Journalist and author Mike Lupica said, "Sometimes an old line is the best one for stories like this, the one where you ask how many home runs Babe Ruth hit without a bat?"

He added, "Murdering this young woman, 22, and then killing himself in front of his coach and his general manager was made easy by a gun, because a gun always makes it easier."

If Jovan Belcher didn't have a handgun, isn't it very likely that his three-month-old's mother would still be alive today?

As Whitlock said in his column, "Handguns do not enhance our safety. They exacerbate our flaws, tempt us to escalate arguments, and bait us

into embracing confrontation rather than avoiding it."

I have to agree with that. I know that many people want to possess a gun to protect themselves from criminals who also have them. So wouldn't less guns in society, especially assault weapons now being used in murders across the country, be better, not worse?

When I read the Second Amendment, I'm pretty sure it said, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

I know hardcore conservatives despise any government regulation, but is the right of the people to keep and bear Arms really as expansive as the NRA would like people to believe it is?

I don't think so, but then again, gun control isn't something I've honestly given a lot of thought to in the past.

Do you think I'm way off on this one? Send me an email to [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) to have your opinions published and let me know how you feel about the gun control debate.

Well that's all for this week boys and girls. Good luck to everyone as they trudge through these final weeks of the semester.

The end is in sight, and before you know it Santa Claus will be coming to town. If you're looking for a few minutes of comic relief, make sure to read next week's special holiday edition of The Donoghue Report.

You may just get a laugh or two out of it (if nerdy political satire is the kind of thing you find funny) and I swear I won't mention the fiscal cliff. Till next time folks...



# Fiscal cliff debate: All options should be on the table

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

Last week, I talked about the powerless yet powerful man Grover Norquist who is holding the United States Congress hostage with his Taxpayer Protection Pledge.

The debate on whether to honor the pledge seems to have cooled down in the news but the train careening toward the end of the tracks and over the fiscal cliff seems to be gaining speed as Congress has yet to agree on how to fix this mess.

In my humble opinion, and I am not Congressman or Senator, I think that all options should be on the table.

I touched on this a little last week, but for one reason or another, the people we've elected into power seem to be playing an adult game of keep away. The Republicans are not budging by insisting that social programs need to be cut.

And likewise, the Democrats are not budging by insisting that taxes should go up, especially on the richest Americans.

Currently, the newly re-elected President Obama is in favor of raising the income tax of the highest income earners to 39.6%, or somewhere in between that and its current rate of 35%.

He also favors negotiating what he considered a "down

payment" to get the country over the fiscal cliff so that they can focus on more substantive discussion of how to solve the country's financial situation.

The Republicans, led by Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio), favors raising the eligibility age of Medicare and changing some of the payment structure of Social Security. He feels this will hike revenues up to \$800 billion.

Their plans would leave the Bush-era tax cuts in place until they can come up with a plan that works for the long term.

My question is: why can't both sides meet face-to-face?

The short answer is President Obama has refused to

meet face-to-face with Speaker Boehner, but the long answer seems to be more complicated than that.

Last spring, when the fiscal cliff debate was being spoken about, there was what became known as the "Super-Congress," established to hash out the fiscal cliff debate above the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Budget Committee.

The SuperCongress was seen by many as unconstitutional, but it didn't matter because it failed anyway.

Both sides getting together and hashing this problem out like adults would require the partitioning of the seas, the dawn of world peace, and for

the country to actually go over the fiscal cliff.

One side wants to raise taxes while the other wants to reduce social programs, but why can't we have a plan that does both?

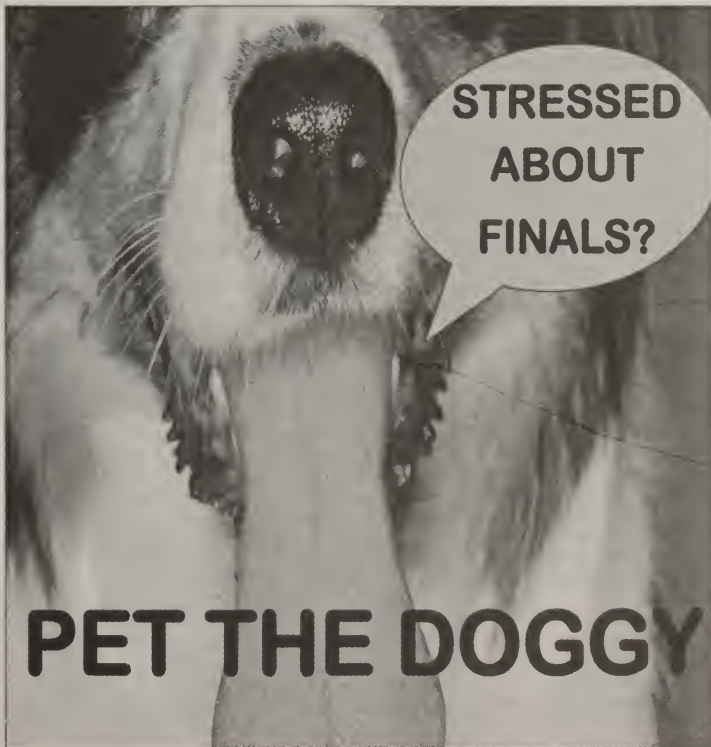
I know that it's not very conservative of me to say, but what is the problem with raising the taxes by one or two percentage points over the next two years but also reducing the budgets of social programs by \$100 billion combined over the next two years?

It's necessity that is the mother of invention, and I think that Congress had better invent a plan that takes both sides into consideration because there is a strong necessity right now.



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WSU students relaxed a little with some furry friends in the library Wednesday afternoon.



# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Emily Dickinson – Born Dec 10, 1830



Born in Amherst, Massachusetts, Emily Dickinson had a quiet upbringing. She attended Amherst Academy from 1840 to 1847 and Mount Holyoke Female Seminary from 1847 to 1848. The inspiration for most of her poetry came in the form of Reverend Charles Wadsworth, whom she met in 1854 while visiting Philadelphia. She began seriously writing poetry around 1862, which

is right around the time Dickinson went into a reclusive state. She was known for rarely leaving her home in Amherst after discovering poetry as her greatest talent. Only two of Dickinson's poems were ever published during her lifetime. She died in 1886, leaving behind an extensive collection poetry filled with poignant lyricism. Dickinson's sister, Lavinia, discovered the hundreds of poems Emily had written and released them in various selections, which sold very well. The three-volume "Poems of Emily Dickinson" became the leading edition to represent her body of work. By 1955 Emily Dickinson was a household name in America.

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## Bernie Madoff's Ponzi Scheme Revealed – Dec 10, 2008

A billion-dollar investment empire came crashing down upon stockbroker Bernard Madoff's security firm in 2008. Madoff's sons reported him to Federal authorities after learning his firm had been robbing investors blind for the over thirty years. Madoff's investors were the victims of an elaborate Ponzi scheme, which aimed to systematically pocket the returns earned on investments by illegally misrepresenting their earnings. At Bernie Madoff's peak, his firm handled nearly 5 percent of all trading on the New York Stock Exchange, with an impressive client list including the

likes of Steven Spielberg and Kevin Bacon. It earned a strong reputation for gaining returns on investments of 10 percent or more, and Madoff's name was well respected on Wall Street. His investment charade came crashing down after the source of his family's enormous income and the measures used to maintain it over the years was revealed. Madoff was charged and pled guilty to four counts of fraud, three counts of money laundering, false statements, perjury, and grand theft. He stole an estimated \$170 billion of investor funds over the years, and was sentenced to 150 years in prison in 2009.

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## John Lennon – Died Dec 8, 1980



Before losing his life to a crazed gunman named Mark David Chapman at age 40, John Lennon's career had a moving impact on his fans and rock music during and after his two decades in stardom. He formed his first band, the Quarry Men in 1958 with future Beatles Paul McCartney and George Harrison. The band's early recordings were skiffle numbers and Buddy Holly covers before changing its name to The Beatles in the early 60's. The band added drummer Ringo Starr, and the rest is history. Following the break-up of the Beatles in 1969, Lennon set his sights on a solo career and social activism, emerging as a leading voice against the Vietnam War

and a corrupt American government, who tried to have him deported. The album *Imagine* was released in 1971, and the title track has been critically admired as his most resounding contribution to popular music. Lennon would remain a superstar throughout the 70's, even after briefly retiring from the music industry to become a father with wife Yoko Ono. Lennon triumphantly returned with the album *Double Fantasy* in 1980, but was shot weeks after its release.

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## Album reviews: A broad range, from "excellent" to "below average"

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

**Ty Segall: Twins.** This album is a little grating on the ears, if only for the heavy levels of electric guitar that dominate almost every single track (and the guitar solos are only slightly above average, I think).

It just blends into one great big mess of noise, with little adherence to any structure whatsoever.

Even when the vocals could be interesting, they can't really be made out in comparison to the rest of the noise.

This sounds quite a bit like garage rock most of the

time, but there is better stuff out there. Heavy rock at its most mediocre.

**Mandala: The Visitation.** Listening to this album was an absolute delight. The vocals here are outstanding and compliment the very relaxing (but never boring) music that has both a grounded sense and a feeling on grandeur.

Some of the more outstanding tracks include "Blue Darkening," "I'm No Echo," and "Flight."

The last few tracks on the album are interesting, but they don't match up to the excellence that is the rest of the album.

**Michael Lee Rose: Poison Butterfly.** This album is a good example of what rock and

roll should not be. Listening to this album made me uncomfortable, in all of the ways you shouldn't feel uncomfortable while listening to an album.

The pitch kept changing, the singing was awful, and the guitar was the best part of the album but was still way below average.

I couldn't recommend this to anyone for any reason.

**Green Day: Dos!** Green Day is as fine as ever in the second of their planned trilogy of albums to be released this year.

Green Day takes a lot more from their punk roots on this album, although still retains quite a bit from their previous phenomenal efforts "American Idiot" and "21st Century Break-

down" as well as some new sounds.

Above all, this album is just plain fun to listen to. I'm not certain if it matches up to their rock operas, but Green Day is still in top form.

Absolutely recommended for fans of the band, and generally recommended for fans of fast paced rock and roll or punk music (I think I also detected hints of The White Stripes in this album).

Standout tracks include "Stray Heart," "Lazy Bones," "Baby Eyes," "Lady Cobra," and "Amy."

**Rachel Zylstra: Before You Could Decide.** A piano based singer-songwriter, Rachel Zylstra reminds me of Sara Ba-

reilles at times.

The vocals are mostly well done on the album, and the piano that really drives the album has no real faults that I could find.

The lyrics are standard for this sort of music (I did not have any epiphanies on the nature of man or anything of that sort).

At times certain vocals seem a little overdone, though, and the shifts in the tempo sometimes don't come across as well as they could have.

I'm not saying it's bad at all. I'm just saying that other people have done it, and they have done it better.

What do you think? Let Lyndon know! [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu)



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### Top 10 Singles

1. Rihanna - Diamonds
2. Ke\$ha - Die Young
3. Maroon 5 - One More Night
4. Bruno Mars - Locked Out Of Heaven
5. PSY - Gangnam Style
6. fun. - Some Nights
7. The Lumineers - Ho Hey
8. Phillip Phillips - Home
9. Flo Rida - I Cry
10. Ne-Yo - Let Me Love You (Until You Learn To Love Yourself)

### Top Movies

1. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2
2. Skyfall
3. Lincoln
4. Life of Pi

### Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Ted
2. The Bourne Legacy
3. Total Recall
4. Premium Rush
5. Looper

### Top Albums

1. Rihanna - Unapologetic
2. Taylor Swift - Red
3. One Direction - Take Me Home
4. Phillip Phillips - The World from the Side of the Moon
5. Kid Rock - Rebel Soul
6. Rod Stewart - Merry Christmas, Baby
7. P!nk - The Truth About Love
8. Jason Aldean - Night Train
9. Led Zeppelin - Celebration Day
10. Keyshia Cole - Woman to Woman

# Movie review: "The Comedy," love it or hate it

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

"The Comedy" is a film where you'll know whether you're going to like it or hate it within the first ten minutes. Some people will walk out of it having loved every second of it, and others will undoubtedly claim that it's the worst movie they've ever seen.

Despite the title, "The Comedy" is a drama, and a slow, alienating one at that.

Tim Heidecker (Tim and Eric Awesome Show, Great Job!) plays Swanson, a privileged, aging, Williamsburg hipster with no direction in life.

Lacking a conventional plot, the film is a character study that follows Swanson over the course of several weeks, as he aimlessly drifts around New

York City partying and avoiding responsibility.

Also featured in supporting roles are Heidecker's longtime friend and collaborator Eric Wareheim, LCD Soundsystem's James Murphy, and Neil Hamburger as Swanson's friends who are just as crude and directionless as he is.

Kate Lyn Sheil (V/H/S) is also featured as a waitress whom Swanson seduces.

"The Comedy" feels like what would happen if Jim Jarmusch directed an Adam Sandler movie.

Swanson is a childish character who displays no concern for anybody but himself.

His sense of humor is juvenile, usually based around sexually harassing the people around him, and he spends the better half of the film drunk and disheveled.

He's entirely unlikeable, never being punished for or learning from his mistakes, and at worst, being rewarded for them. He's basically Billy Madison without the charm or character arc.

Heidecker does get to show off his acting chops. He manages to concentrate the awkwardness that makes "Awesome Show" work, but cuts out the surreal chaos that normally accompanies it.

"The Comedy" is a very uncomfortable movie, but it's uncomfortable because it feels so real. A scene at a party where Swanson argues that maybe not all of Hitler's ideas were that bad is excruciatingly painful to watch, but there's a conviction to the dialogue.

Swanson is a character who is meant to be hated, and Heidecker makes him effective-

ly loathsome.

Some will argue that "The Comedy" is a masterpiece, others will call it trash. But it undeniably achieves its goals. It paints a picture of detached hipster irony that is simultaneously grating and sincere.

Regular fans of Tim & Eric will likely enjoy it, and it may even reach those who feel their normal humor is too bizarre.

But it is ultimately an art film. Not something to be thrown on just to kill time. It's a challenging condemnation of wasted privilege, made all the more powerful by the realization that people like Swanson really exist.

So far "The Comedy" has had a very limited theatrical release, but is currently available to rent from the iTunes store. Grade: B-

## Album reviews continued: Take a break from Top 40

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and those craving a good album to dance to.

Top tracks: "Schemers," "Are We Just Doomed?" and "Done for Good."

**"DEMO". THE PLIERS.** Grungy, noisy Massachusetts punks THE PLIERS make listeners recall raucous late nights with their friends, long periods of boredom, and the everyday struggles that people go through. With their soaring guitar riffs, chant-like vocals, youthful exuberance and rebellion, THE PLIERS take you away to a place where troubles are heaped on your shoulders and all you can do is hopelessly resist.

Recommended listeners: night-owls, students, punks, and people looking for good Massachusetts bands to check out.

Top tracks: Just listen to the whole Demo. It's excellent.

**"Days and Nights".**

**Sails.** I recently discovered Sails, an indie rock band from Vermont, and I am glad that I did. Sails is a breath of fresh air in a scene full of pretentious, hipster-esque indie bands; Songs range from the depressing, truthful "Sea Ice," to the piano-driven "Delia," to the frenzied "Sophomore Year."

Recommended listeners: indie kids and people looking for a nice change in the indie rock scene.

Top tracks: "Sea Ice," "Delia," "Apathy Atrophy," "Sophomore Year," and "Operatic Themes."

**"Wisdom Teeth/Milkshakes Split" - Milkshakes.** Milkshakes is an indie/emo band from Connecticut. If you're looking for a decent, local emo band, look to Milkshakes. Even though they have only released this split record with Wisdom Teeth, I am certain that Milkshakes will be providing more songs to listeners shortly.

Recommended listeners: people looking for local emo bands to support and angry people.

Top tracks: "Kalabar's Revenge" and "Joey Fitness."

**"CHRY". CHRY.** Maine shoegaze band CHRY's debut album "CHRY" brings to mind The Dead Peasants mixed with The Horrors' two most recent albums "Primary Colours" and "Skying," with a touch of indie rock. Peaceful, mournful vocals combine with grungy guitars, giving CHRY its charm.

Recommended listeners: people who like layers of sound and soft vocals.

Top tracks: "In Twos" and "Nothing Left."

**"The Ballet EP". Mercies.** Mercies is an experimental indie band from Connecticut. On "The Ballet EP," Mercies begins with two complimentary instrumental songs. Mercies follows up these two powerful songs with "Clouds," "In Your

Mind," and "Take You Away:" songs about the depth of love one can feel for another person. These three songs are in the perspective of a lover in a one-sided relationship: the singer wants and craves the need of another, who is blissfully unaware of or indifferent to their presence. This EP is gorgeously crafted, and is perfected for winter listening.

Recommended listeners: Everyone.

Each of these albums provides something different, whether it is introspective lyrics or haunting melodies.

You can purchase "Local Business" and "Handwritten" at various music outlets; the local music can be found on each band's respective bandcamp, either for free or a very small price.

Each band and album is amazing, and I hope that you decide to give a few of them a listen!

## Voice Sports Reporters Debate: Who Will Win the BCS Championship?

So this is it, it's down to two teams who will fight for the National Championship, #2 Alabama and #1 Notre Dame. More than likely Vegas will have Alabama favored by about 6 1/2 points.

But hey, if you want to lose your money picking Alabama that is fine by me (if of course, gambling was legal).

Now my good friend Joey Cooper will most likely talk about how the SEC is such a great conference and how for the last six years a team from the SEC has won the National Championship.

But something is different this year. Notre Dame is a different type of team compared to others and its biggest strength is something Alabama wants

to do.

The strength I am referring to is running the ball.

As many saw last week in the SEC Championship Game, Alabama had a huge day running the ball as they ran for 350 yards and both of their running backs, Eddie Lacy and T.J. Yeldon, each had over 150 yards rushing.

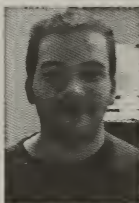
But you see, Georgia's rush defense was ranked 67th in the country, while Notre Dame's rush defense is in the top 5.

No one can deny the fact that Notre Dame has one of the best front seven's in the country.

They want to play a smash mouth style of football, as they have a weak secondary.

Alabama in this game will

run the ball, as their leading receiver Kenny Bell broke his leg in the last game of the regular season, and A.J. McCarron is not a great passer.



Tyler Morissette

Defensively, yes, Alabama has a great defense, but they have struggled in the past against mobile quarterbacks.

Quarterbacks, like Alex Smith, Cam Newton, Tim

Tebow and Johnny Manziel, all have played very well against the Crimson Tide defense in the past.

Notre Dame's quarterback Everett Golson is an average passer but uses his legs to make big plays for his offense, something that Alabama will struggle with.

Yes, coming into this game no one will give Notre Dame a chance, and people will say that Nick Saban's team will walk right over them since they have 37 days to prepare for them.

Um newsflash, I seem to remember an Alabama team losing to Utah in the Sugar Bowl in 2009, a game in which nobody believed that Utah could hang with the big boys of the SEC.

Remember, Notre Dame has weapons on defense including Heisman finalist Manti Te'o, and some versatile running backs on offense with Cierre Wood and Theo Riddick.

In addition, they have 6-foot-6 tight end Tyler Eifert who causes numerous matchup problems for any defense.

The Fighting Irish are a team that will stop the Bama running game and force McCarron to beat them through the air, something that he is not great at.

The Irish front seven will dominate the Bama offensive line, similar to what Texas A&M and LSU did (for most of the game), allowing Notre Dame to overpower and beat the Crimson Tide.

### VS.

For the past six seasons, the winner of the Southeastern Conference Championship has gone on to win the BCS National Championship.

If history is an indication foreshadowing what's to come, the Alabama Crimson Tide are set up pretty well to be crowned National Champs for the 15th time.

Notre Dame will be dealing with 37 days off before the big game, a task Brian Kelly and his coaching staff have yet to be faced with in South Bend.

Nick Saban's wealth of knowledge of this lengthy lay-off will be vital in getting his team prepared for a four quarter bout to decide who takes home the coveted hardware.

Alabama knows what it takes to win this game, entering it for the third time in four years.

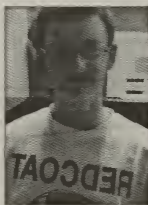
A Saban coached team will be entering this game as 6 1/2 point favorites for good reason.

This stingy Tide defense allows a mere 10.7 points per contest in the SEC.

The quarterback at the helm in A.J. McCarron has grown in the past couple seasons from a serviceable player stirring the ship to an exceptional talent with the ability to stretch the field and the grit to lead his team late.

Although deserving of an invitation to the showdown on January 7th, Notre Dame's path to the title game was fueled by

an independent schedule that gave the Irish a November schedule of teams combining for a 20-28 record.



Joey Cooper

Notre Dame is also privileged enough to get a pass on facing a tough opponent for a conference playoff game because they do not belong to an actual college football conference.

Bama's opponents in November and December combined for a record of 35-25. Five teams throughout their tough schedule ranked in the top-15 entering the game.

Redshirt freshmen quarterback Everett Golson for the Irish will be facing a defense he is not accustomed to facing.

The pro factory that is the Crimson Tide defensive group will give Golson the fits showing him different looks and packages.

Alabama will run downhill into the Notre Dame defense featuring two 1,000-yard rushers in Eddie Lacy and T.J. Yeldon.

Both of these backs claimed 6.5 yards per carry in the stingiest defensive confer-

ence in college football.

They maintain opposite skill sets to give the Irish a steady dose of both power and speed in the ground game.

Do not allow Tyler and his blind optimism to fool you in the 2013 National Championship game.

Last year LSU was believed by many to take down Alabama yet again, but Bama came out and hit them in the mouth early, running away with their 14th championship.

If the Crimson Tide get up early on America's team, Golson will be forced into some ill-advised situations that will result in turnovers.

Final prediction for the National Championship game: Alabama 24-13.

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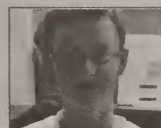


# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

*By: Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



This past weekend linebacker Jovan Belcher of the Kansas City Chiefs committed one of the most egregious acts by a professional athlete of all-time.

His murder-suicide sent shockwaves across the country, touching those in the world of sports and those outside of the sports culture.

This hideous act of violence came a day before the Chiefs contest with the Carolina Panthers.

Belcher's murder of his girlfriend Kasandra Perkins,

who was 22 years old, followed by his suicide on the team's facility threatened several more lives than he took.

The former linebacker leaves his three-month-old daughter without parents for the rest of her life.

Despite Belcher's gruesome actions, his portrayal is being drawn up in a misleading manner.

The 25-year-old's number was pasted across signs throughout Arrowhead Stadium as if they were remembering a fallen hero.

His uniform was hung in his locker this past Sunday out of respect and in memory of his life. These celebratory acts coming to a man who shot and killed an innocent person while leaving his baby an orphan.

Offensive tackle Eric Winston categorized his jersey being displayed as a tribute. It was unsettling to see a man glorified for committing murder prior to taking his own life at the team's facility.

ESPN's graphic in memory of Belcher was un-

warranted and disrespectful to those who have been featured on the network for being remembered following their death.

The same group of analysts who bashed the New England Patriots for Spygate was discussing what this man might have been dealing with.

I applaud Tom Jackson for pointing out this man for what he was: a killer. Lost in the rubble of this story are the families who are forever intertwined with Belcher's

demise.

The sympathy being directed towards Belcher is not a practice held by those in our society who commit murder. Maintaining a status of a professional athlete does not give this person a pass on inhumane actions. ESPN and other news outlets could have just reported the story like every other hard news story on murder.

This misfortune is being presented as a football story when it is much larger than that.

## Devine and Vazquez lead men's basketball team to 6-0 start

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

For the past four seasons, two players on the Westfield State men's basketball team have stood out because of great play on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

Those seniors are Lee Vazquez and Matt Devine, and the two have helped the Owls start off undefeated so far this season with a record of 6-0 (as of December 4).

But along with the team's success so far this year, both players have reached career milestones as well. Both Vazquez and Devine have gone over the 1,000-point mark for their careers.

They are 18th and 19th men's basketball players in school history to score over 1,000 points. Vazquez broke the mark in the first game of the season, while Devine broke the mark at home last Saturday night in a 76-54 victory over

Elms College.

Last weekend in the 12th Annual Pioneer Valley Hoop Classic at Westfield State, the Owls won both their games fairly easily over Springfield College and Elms College.

In both games Vazquez led the team scoring with 22 and 13 points respectively.

Not to be out done by Vazquez, Devine had two great games with double digits in rebounds in each game and seven blocks in the two games combined.

Vazquez, the offensive threat who is very deadly from three-point range, is shooting 41 percent from downtown and leads the Owls in scoring with 19 points a game.

Vazquez has been coming off the bench the last couple of games and has been a huge spark for Westfield this year.

Devine, who last year led all of Division III with blocked shots at almost five a game, has not stopped being a force on the defensive end this season.

He has 16 blocks through



*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Lee Vazquez goes airborne between three Springfield players to score two of his game-high 22 points in Westfield's 68-54 win on Friday, November 30.

six games and has been a great veteran presence for this Owls team.

Though the Owls are undefeated so far this season, Westfield would love to see some more output from their

other starters, like Grant Cooper and Ryan White, both who are capable of having big games at any moment.

Nonetheless, similar to last year this team will go as far as Vazquez and Devine take

them, as they are two of the best Division III players in the country.

Westfield's next home game is on Saturday, December 8 when the Owls face Western New England at 3:00 p.m.



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### Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

If you meet someone at a concert that you want to date, but says they are single, don't believe them. They will break your heart a year down the road and they don't got what you need anyhow.

### Capricorn (December 21 – January 20)

Your political views may be called in question by those you hold most dear, so may want to prepare to defend them. Alternatively, you would be well advised to be on the lookout for a new relationship opportunity.

### Aquarius (January 21 – February 19)

You will want to look back into the history of your life to see what lessons you can learn or remember to apply to your current problems in life, especially your finances. Also, delete your browser history.

### Pisces (Feb. 20 – March 20)

If you believe in yourself this week, you'll be able to do a few more things than you could before. Confidence is about 17% of the battle, the rest is preparation and talent and things completely out of your control.

### Aries (March 21 – April 20)

Based on Saturn's position this week, you will want to be ready for travel at all times, as you may be whisked away on a wild adventure you didn't know you should have prepared for.

### Taurus (April 21 – May 21)

If you are a man, it would be recommended that you try to grow a mustache this week. If you are a woman, you will want to do the same, although it might be a bit more difficult.

**Gemini**  
(May 22 – June 21)  
It is going to be yet another week where everything goes your way. No change whatsoever to what a wonderful life you are having as of late.

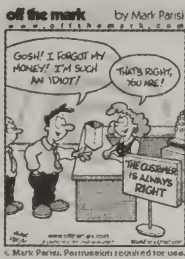
**Cancer**  
(June 22 – July 22)  
Above all, it would be well advised to remain calm. Everything will be okay so long as you follow all of your plans you've made thus far for your big problem that's going to finally rear its head this week.

**Leo**  
(July 23 – August 23)  
This week is one where you will want to focus on what you've dedicated your life to. If you don't know what you want to dedicate your life to, you can start looking now.

**Virgo**  
(August 24 – September 22)  
Everything will be so very normal this week. In fact, things will be so normal that it will almost seem abnormal to you just how normal things are, which of course conflicts with the idea that things will be normal.

**Libra**  
(September 23 – October 22)  
You might be dreading some future event or presentation that's coming up, but the stars have predicted that everything will turn out quite alright. Also, the stars assure you they are not lying like a mom lies to their child about how a shot doesn't hurt.

**Scorpio**  
(October 23 – November 21)  
There is a great hope for your future in the form of a person you once knew as a child but have grown apart from. The cosmos wants you to get in contact with a person like that you have in mind.



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## WSU's Dever Stage Schedule

**Friday, December 7:** 7:30p.m, Christian Fellowship presents: *A Night of Worship*

**Saturday, December 8:** 4:00p.m, Dickens Day Royal Music Hall Winterfest  
*Benefit for Westfield VIPs: \$5*

**Saturday, December 8:** 7:30p.m, SGA presents: Whip Comedy Improv, \$3

**Monday, December 10:** 7:30p.m, SGA presents Night Owls

**Friday, December 14:** 12:30p.m, Music Theatre Workshop



**Saturday, January 12:** 3:00p.m, Young Singers of Greater Westfield

**Tuesday, February 5:** 4:00p.m, SGA - State of the Campus Address

**Thursday, February 7:** 7:30p.m, Faculty Recital

**Sunday, February 10:** 3:00p.m, Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Wednesday, February 13:** 5:00p.m, Voice Area Recital

**Sunday, February 17:** 7:30p.m, Student Recital: John Barberio, trombone

**Thursday, February 21:** 7:30p.m, CAB presents Westfield's Got Talent

**Friday, February 22 and Saturday February 23:** 7:30p.m, Vagina Monologues



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#### *Monday - Thursday*

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#### *Friday*

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

#### *Saturday*

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### *Sunday*

12:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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#### *Friday & Saturday*

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#### *Monday & Thursday*

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# The Westfield Voice

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## Scanlon to become first-year residence hall

**Alex Myers**  
Editor-in-Chief

Scanlon Hall will be joining Davis and Dickinson next fall as a first year building following the completion of University Hall.

Because Scanlon Hall is a popular choice for returning students, the decision to make it solely first years was not one Residential Life took lightly.

Josh Hettrick, Assistant Director for Housing in Residential Life, said, "Before making this decision we discussed it with the Housing Committee, RA staff, RHA, and SGA to see if there were any concerns we weren't seeing."

However, after weighing all the possibilities Scanlon Hall was the most logical choice, he said, and, "Everyone agreed it was the best decision we could make."

Among the reasons for choosing the building was the fact there are mostly triple rooms which Residential Life typically has trouble filling during Housing Sign-Up.

Scanlon has commonly been a place rising juniors would live if they couldn't get an apartment, Hettrick said, but they don't expect that to be a problem in subsequent years.

"With University Hall opening we will have over 1,200 apartment and suite style spaces available to students. That is more than enough to take care of all rising seniors and juniors who will go through Housing Sign-Up this coming spring," he said.

Choosing Scanlon over Courtney and Lammers was an easy choice, Hettrick said.

"Courtney is the largest source of double rooms on campus and would result in returning students being forced to select triple rooms during Housing Sign-Up," he said.

Lammers Hall was also out of the question for two reasons, Hettrick continued. The building has the perfect set up for the special living arrangements currently in place and the

building is not handicap accessible.

"If we had Davis, Dickinson, and Lammers as first year halls then we would not have an accessible hall for first year students," Hettrick said.

Residential Life is looking to restore the lounge and kitchen space Scanlon Hall once had next fall as well. Hettrick said with University Hall in action,

they will be able to take three quads from Scanlon offline and turn them into lounges.

"This isn't related to the building becoming a first-year hall," Hettrick said, "It's just a positive change that we are looking forward to."

With the concern of Scanlon's popularity among students, Residential Life had to make sure they were making the right decision for all students.

As of now, Hettrick said, reactions to the change have been positive.

"After speaking with the student groups, everyone has agreed this decision makes the most sense and has been very supportive," he said.

They don't expect to make any changes if this decision doesn't match students' needs, but, Hettrick said, "Based on our campus and the many factors that we had to consider, Scanlon is the only hall that made sense."

Fortunately, he doesn't expect a negative reaction because of the popularity of Davis and Dickinson as first-year halls.

"While I understand there may be some students who are disappointed," Hettrick said, "I think that will subside when University Hall is open and all of our upperclassman are in apartment/suite style living."



*photo by Mary Zagula*

Hundreds of veterans and members of the Westfield community attended a memorial service on Tuesday, December 2 at Stanley Park to welcome the Wreaths Across America caravan that is en route to Arlington Cemetery in Virginia.

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# Quick Hits

**Friday, December 14**

*All Day!*  
Free Cookies w/ Coffee/Tea purchase  
Subway

*5:00p.m.*  
Messages & stress balls  
Ely Main Lounge

**Saturday, December 15**

*8:00p.m.*  
Christmas movie,  
Cookie decorating  
Ely Main Lounge

**Sunday, December 16**

*8:00p.m.*  
Board Games  
Ely Main Lounge

**Monday, December 17**

*6:00p.m.*  
WSU Muay Thai Club  
Davis Common Room

## Minute to Win It at Westfield State University



Last Saturday, students gathered in Ely Campus Center to play Minute to Win It with an iPad as the grand prize.

*photos by Adam Forziati*

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Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



## Living like the President: Lansdowne student wins Dobelle's parking space



Lansdowne Place resident, Andy McCormack is the December winner of the President's parking space.

The Class of 2014 council is raffling off President Dobelle's reserved parking space behind Parenzo Hall. All proceeds raised go towards the council's continued efforts to support the Make-A-Wish foundation.

McCormack will also have this space for the short month of January after students return from winter break. Mary Massey, the Biology Department secretary, enjoyed the space as the winner for the month of November.

All tickets currently in the raffle pool will remain in the raffle next semester. If you have not bought your tickets yet, they are on sale 1 for \$1.00 or 5 for \$3.00 at the Ely Campus Center Window, Ely Room 208, or by emailing the classof2014@westfield.ma.edu.

## Initiative for new club in full effect

**Simbrit V. Paskins**  
Voice Reporter

Westfield State Senior Alexis Rivera has taken on a new initiative to start a Social Justice Organization on campus this semester.

"I wanted to further the education of liberation - to bring awareness to a multitude of topics and to educate others," Rivera said, "That's where I got the idea of the Social Justice Organization."

There has yet to be another organization or club on the WSU campus that mirrors this one. Few organizations have declared their frustrations and concerns on topics that Rivera hopes to shine a spotlight on through this new organization.

Rivera, a double major in Ethnic and Gender Studies and Criminal Justice, began contemplating this daring new project in the middle of last semester.

His extensive learning and apprehension of the topics discussed in his majors regarding social justice and oppression have allowed him a strong educational background and knowledge of the topics that qualify him to start this enterprise.

Rivera discussed the

frustrations that led him to this point saying, "I'm tired of racism, I'm tired of sexism, I'm tired of homophobia, I'm tired of everything that oppresses others. I'm trying to dismantle oppression."

Through the Organization for Social Justice, Rivera and his team plan to connect with members of the WSU community through hosting a wide variety of events on campus. One event they hope will become a regularity of the group is called Come Rap.

"Come Rap is just real talk - so that you can come in with real problems and we all collectively as a group come up with possible solutions, any problems either in the community, WSU, whatever," he said.

Rivera is taking a very community-based approach to the success of this organization, where all opinions matter and everyone is given a voice. There hasn't been much of an outside reaction yet, as not many people are aware of the organization's conception, Rivera said. Rivera has not been doing this alone.

His peers and Professor Enrique Morales-Diaz, WSU Chair of Liberal Arts and fully tenured professor for EGST and Spanish, have been working together to produce topics,

events, and ways to reach out, inform, and include the students here at Westfield State.

Last semester, the group held a bake sale in Wilson Commuter Café to raise money for the family of Trayvon Martin, the 17-year-old African American boy who was brutally shot and killed by neighborhood watchman George Zimmerman in Sanford, FL early this year.

On September 15, 2012 the group accompanied the WSU So Seductive Step Team, Multicultural Student Association, and members of the Latino Association for Empowerment to the 2012 Unity Fest, a college-wide diversity event, at American International College in Springfield, MA.

On November 28th the Social Justice Organization hosted a "Save Ethnic Studies" bake sale to save ethnic studies in Tucson, Arizona, which has currently outlawed it due to recently passed House Bill 2281.

The organization called on members of the WSU community to come out and show their support for this cause, and over \$300 was raised for the cause.

All proceeds were sent to the fight to save the multicultural education in the Tucson Unified School District.

## Coffey Break with Jimmy Luiz

by Kylie Coffey



Major: Criminal Justice  
Hometown: West Bridgewater, MA

1. What are you going to miss most about college?  
Being around friends and what not.
2. If you could pick one college memory that has been your absolute favorite, what would it be?  
Just having a solid group of friends.
3. What's your favorite bar in Westfield and why?  
Tommy D's. The atmosphere, a good group of people go there and it's just a good time.
4. If you could do college all over again, what would you do differently?  
Play sports.
5. What's your favorite Disney movie and why?  
The Lion King. It's all about Simba!
6. Do you find yourself on Facebook or Twitter more?  
Why?  
Probably Facebook more because I just got a Twitter.
7. Is there anything specific you want to do before you graduate? What?  
Have a beer with Professor Kudlac.
8. What advice do you have for seniors graduating in the spring?  
Stay as long as possible, Don't ever graduate.

*If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

# Graduate school: To go or not to go? That is the crossroad

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

At some point in a student's undergraduate career, usually around their senior year, they come to a crossroad.

This crossroad forces them to make a quick stop on the road to graduation and think: to go to graduate school or not to go to graduate school?

For many students, after being in a classroom for 16 years, they've had enough.

They want to experience the real world and start their careers.

For others, they either aren't ready to get in the career game or the degree they are after requires more schooling to be successful.

Whatever the reason for choosing the graduate school route on your journey to success, it is important to decide which graduate program fits best with your life and your goals.

For some careers, it is important that their employers attended a graduate school program that was accredited.

Accreditation is the process of making sure there is competency, authority, and credibility at the education institution.

Some careers don't require you do attend an accredited school, however, if you attend an unaccredited law school, you won't be able to

take your bar exam.

When applying to graduate school, you want to apply to one that has high academic standards. Look for schools that will challenge you.

According to quintcareers.com, it's better to be among a select few than a larger group that will lower the quality of your education.

It is important to see if the graduate school you are applying to has career development and career placement programs.

Also, look to see if there is public information on where graduates were employed.

It would help too if there was a list of what those graduates were making salary wise as well so you could compare.

One of the most important decisions in applying to graduate school, especially in this economy, is to find a school that is cost efficient.

Find out exactly how much everything will amount to – tuition, books, housing etc., and then find out exactly how much money you could receive in loans and grants.

Probably the most important criteria in searching for a graduate school is to make sure it actually offers the program you are looking for.

Even if it is a good school, if they don't have what you seek, it probably isn't the right school for you.

The right faculty members teaching the courses are instrumental as well.

If the professors are well known in the field you are studying, chances are you're at a good school.

Are you willing to uproot your life in order to go to graduate school?

For many students, location is very important.

After being away at college for four years, the last thing some people want to do is move away again.

However, some people want a completely different experience then they did when they were at school.

It really depends on the person.

Because graduate schools are very competitive, it is important to apply to schools that are high up in the ranks.

U.S News and Business Weeks both have publications that rank graduate schools based on several factors.

It is worth looking into both sources.

Just like when you were looking for undergraduate schools, size matters when it comes to graduate schools.

It's all about the big fish small pond complex.

Do you want to feel important and be on a first name basis with your professors or do you want to be just another face in the crowd?

Picking the right graduate school is an important decision and should not be taken lightly.

If you feel you need assistance, make an appointment in the Career Center.

## Editor's Desk



First of all, please flip to the article on page 9.

## WE ARE IN A MAROON 5 MUSIC VIDEO!

The Voice office also makes a cameo! ;)

This is our last edition of the semester. We just wanted to thank everyone who has helped us along the way, even those who have given more constructive criticism than compliments, because that helps us to learn and grow. And, as always, thank you to everyone who contributes! We wouldn't have a paper without you. Or without our loyal readers! (Hi Maddy!)

We hope everyone has a safe holiday season and winter break, and we'll see you in January!

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# Competency and Conservatism: All Americans deserve equality

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

Thomas Jefferson once wrote "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

These powerful words from the Declaration of Independence were intended to free liberty-loving people from the oppressive reign of the British government. The document was of course treasonous and it ultimately gave people the courage to join in revolution against tyranny.

This act of defiance brought about the greatest experiment in liberty. It has spurred innovation through self-government and shown the world that freedom is possible.

However, Jefferson's ver-

sion of America is under attack from bigotry. At this very moment, our government participates in discrimination against a group of people.

It denies the right for homosexual couples to participate in the institution of marriage. The United States Congress has even passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) to ensure marriage is defined as between one man and one woman. A majority of states have laws restricting non-traditional marriage.

I do not intend to criticize those who stand opposed to same sex marriage. Religion is a motivational factor to be weighed in accordance to a belief system.

It is perfectly acceptable for someone to say that they find same sex marriage morally objectionable. However it is not alright for government to restrict liberty in one case and not in another.

Marriage is a personal decision and it shouldn't be scrutinized by the government. My belief is that when two people decide to join in matrimony, it is a special commitment before God.

Of course state benefits such as tax filings are important; but that should not be a motivating factor. And if government gives those benefits to heterosexual couples, it should give them to homosexual couples.

The 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution is considered the liberty amendment because it ensures the states do not participate in discrimination.

Now that the United States Supreme Court has decided to take up a same sex marriage case, it appears that the 14th Amendment could save the day. While this might possibly be a double-edged sword, it is my hope that the great rectifying institution of our nation will

level the playing field.

Every generation has to endure the cause of freedom and my generation should ensure equality for all Americans.

We live in a society that should defend tolerance against the oppressive nature of the closed mind. I believe that we will be judged through the lens of history, and our actions now will determine our remembrance through eternity.

I do not want to bear the burden of shame that has plagued the people who stood up for slavery or segregation. We should do what is right. Embrace our roots in liberty and enforce the protections listed in the constitution.

Issues of diversity are often tough to comprehend. But what defines us as Americans is our ability to do what is right. Even if it is something we feel uneasy about, our country ultimately stands up for liberty. The issue of same sex marriage is a

hot topic of debate and the public is quite passionate about it.

However our notion of freedom, as depicted by Thomas Jefferson, allows for difference in opinion. It does not allow for the stamping out of unpopular actions because it causes offense to people.

When Jefferson mentioned that Americans have the right to pursue happiness, he had to have meant it on a level of personal decision-making.

Same sex couples are only trying to pursue the means to their own happiness. They want to take part in the everlasting condition of marriage. Our government at this moment stands in the way of love.

I find it unconscionable for government to have a role in something rooted in individual autonomy. As a conservative Republican, I support same sex marriage because nothing in our constitution forbids it, and the very idea of liberty embraces it.

## Retail worker sick of phrase 'Happy Holidays'

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

It's that time of the year again: Christmas. The stores are decorated, the music playing over the radio, and the general jovial spirit of the holidays is in the air. It's generally a happy time of the year for people. Except if you work in retail.

In my capacities as a Grocery Clerk at an undisclosed local grocery store chain that has been American owned since 1936, I am busy throughout the season making sure the shelves are full, the customers remember where we put the Bell's poultry seasoning, and at times answering the phone.

I like answering the phone. It usually starts off with "Thank you for calling the World Class Chicopee local grocery store

chain, this is Joshua, how can I help you?" But with Christmas around the corner, I jazz it up: "Merry Christmas, and thank you for calling..." It sends a warm, inviting tone to the customer that we are wishing them a pleasant holiday season.

'Til the customer responds back with "I don't know why you're saying 'Merry Christmas' to me, how do you know I celebrate that?" Or my favorite, "That's insensitive to people of other faiths."

The truth is, Christmas isn't about Christ's birthday or whatever other Christian connotations anymore. Christmas is very much so commercialized and very rarely is Christ brought up in relation to the holiday now. The story goes that Jesus Christ was immaculately conceived by and born of the Virgin Mary on December 25th. The Three Wise

Men gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh thus beginning the tradition of gift giving on Christmas.

Fast forward two thousand years later, and people are standing outside of Targets and Best Buys at midnight the day after Thanksgiving (a whole month before Christmas) waiting to get the Furby or Nerf gun that their child had been stomping their feet for.

If the Christian origins and traditions of Christmas have been lost, and the holiday is a big commercialized mess, then I don't feel bad saying 'Merry Christmas' to somebody. And I also don't feel bad saying 'Merry Christmas' to somebody when more and more people of other faiths or no faiths are celebrating the holiday.

British scientist and famous Atheist Richard Dawkins

was profiled by a 2008 Daily Mail article that revealed that he celebrated Christmas, sang traditional Christmas carols, and even wished others 'Merry Christmas!'

They actually prefer 'Merry Christmas' over 'Happy Holidays' in Great Britain due to the colloquial use of the word 'holiday' to mean 'vacation.'

In an article in the Sioux City Journal, Dana Gray, an Atheist and member of the Siouxland Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers, said, "The way most of us like to look at it is most of us are so busy 365 days a year. It's that one time of the year we as a world get to set a day aside for our families."

Even those of other faiths find no problem in wishing others 'Merry Christmas.' Dr. Eyad Najdawi, president and imam of the Mosque of Sioux City, said

of people wishing him 'Merry Christmas,' "It does not bother me personally, I know their intentions are good."

He added that he knows that Christmas is an important holiday for Christians and that he happily responds to them when they wish it to him.

The problem is that religious groups have become so hypersensitive to attacks on their beliefs that the realization that people are free to celebrate other faiths and even take part in religious holidays in a non-religious way.

Maybe instead of getting so uptight about people wishing them 'Merry Christmas' instead of 'Happy Holidays,' they should remind themselves that they too will have the day off from work or school to spend with their families and drop this obnoxious argument.



# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



## Donoghue Report Special: A Satirical Holiday Treat

February 2, 2017

Michael Walker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was sentenced to one year in prison following a U.S. District Court ruling that he broke federal law on December 24, 2016.

Walker, a Wal-Mart employee in Philadelphia, said 'Merry Christmas' to shopper Patricia Smith on the 24th at approximately 5:15 p.m. Walker was working at the cash register and scanning the woman's items at the time the crime was committed.

Smith, who is a 33-year-old mother of three, immediately found a manager at the Wal-Mart store and told him the offense that Walker had committed.

Upon hearing the details of the alleged crime, the manager of the Wal-Mart store, Bill Reynolds, called local authorities and at 5:36 p.m. Walker was removed from Wal-Mart in handcuffs by two officers.

"I was just trying to put a smile on her face," Walker said during an exclusive interview on Dateline NBC when asked by Chris Hansen why he broke the law and said 'Merry Christmas.'

"It was Christmas Eve, and I figured Ms. Smith was out getting a couple of last minute gifts and that she'd probably much rather be with family or friends. So I was just trying to spread some Christmas cheer."

The religious beliefs of Ms. Smith were not released during Walker's trial, but she had this to say when asked about the crime committed against her: "I was outraged when Mr. Walker wished me a 'Merry Christmas.'

I thought to myself, 'how dare he say something like that?' Not only did he break the law, but I really couldn't believe he was rude enough to say that when he has no knowledge of my personal beliefs or what holidays I do or don't celebrate."

Walker was transferred to Washington, D.C. before the trial and held in federal prison without bail due to the serious nature of the alleged crime.

In May 2014, the Generic Holiday Bill was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama, making actions like Mr. Walker's illegal. The bill states that anything related to a specific holiday or religion is not allowed to be said or pictured in any commercial setting.

The bill gives detailed information regarding the particular images and language deemed to be illegal.

The Generic Holiday Bill was a follow-up to the Politically Correct Terms Bill, which was enacted in April of 2014. The Politically Correct Terms Bill limits what language is deemed "politically correct" and acceptable to be spoken in American society.

For example, the bill states that terms such as 'fat' and 'short' are illegal in reference to other humans. Specific guidelines of the bill state that these terms should be replaced with 'horizontally challenged' and 'vertically challenged' respectively.

President Obama had the original idea for both bills, and said prior to their passage, "It-it's time we put an end to this type of obscene and offensive

behavior. People should have the right to walk around without worrying about someone trying to be kind to them b-b-by wishing them a 'Merry Christmas.'"

An offender of either law is considered to be highly dangerous and a menace to society. All alleged offenders must be held in a maximum security federal prison in the nation's capital without the possibility for bail prior to their trial before a federal district court.



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Walker began a two-day trial in front of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on January 30. The final verdict was reached on February 1 and Walker was found guilty of making "obscene and offensive holiday-specific remarks" in violation of the Generic Holiday Bill.

He was sentenced to one year in jail at the Political Correctness Offenders Prison, or PCOP, which is a maximum security prison located in Annapolis, MD. The PCOP was built during the summer and fall of 2014 following the passage of

the Politically Correct Terms and Generic Holiday Bills, and only houses criminals who break those two laws due to the threatening nature of those individuals.

Wal-Mart officials released the following statement in response to the court's decision: "All Wal-Mart employees receive hours of training on what they can and cannot say to a customer. Saying 'Happy Holidays' or 'Happy Winter'

Walker will join many notorious criminals such as Jerry McCormick and Walter Elliot at the PCOP. McCormick gained national fame in December 2015 when he refused to change the name of his tree farm from 'Jerry's Christmas Tree Farm' to 'Jerry's Holiday Tree Farm' in compliance with the Generic Holiday Bill. He was sentenced to 18 months in the PCOP.

Elliot was sentenced to three years in the PCOP in December 2014 after he was found dressed as Santa Claus taking illegal pictures with children and families following a month-long FBI investigation and undercover sting operation.

The Generic Holiday Bill made Santa Claus an inappropriate and illegal figure, making it a crime to dress up as the horizontally challenged man in the red suit and charge people to have their pictures taken.

Elliot's underground photography business involved dressing up as Santa and taking pictures with children and families that could accompany holiday cards to be sent to loved ones.

Walker's attorney said that he plans to appeal his client's conviction by challenging the constitutionality of the Generic Holiday Bill under the First Amendment, but legal experts believe society's shifting opinions over the past two decades regarding political correctness make it highly unlikely that the bill will be struck down.

"Mr. Walker is going to be in that place with people just like himself," Smith added in her interview with Guthrie. "And that's what he deserves."

would've been completely acceptable in this situation.

"But saying 'Merry Christmas' is not only very offensive, it's also clearly illegal. Mr. Walker deserves the punishment that he has received, and hopefully all employees will learn from this awful crime."

"I was shocked and humiliated by this inappropriate gesture," Smith said in her nationally televised interview with Savannah Guthrie on the Today Show following Walker's sentencing. "I've been severely affected by this incident and I don't think I'll ever be able to shop at Wal-Mart again."



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# Not-so-holiday tunes to check out this year

Jessica Thelen  
Voice Reporter

I'm sure by now that some, if not all, of you have heard the usual Christmas canon of songs played endlessly, whether in department stores, restaurants, on the radio, or through one of your holiday-obsessed friends.

I, for one, am sick of hearing the same old Christmas carols and holiday tunes played everywhere I go. So, I have compiled a list of my favorite holiday songs, many of which you will not hear played on the radio during this time of year. Enjoy!

1. "Christmas"- The Who  
"Christmas," the seventh track off The Who's 1969 rock opera "Tommy," continues the tale of the deaf, dumb, and blind child Tommy and how he can't possibly understand Christmas, due to his condition.

He just sits around, unaware of his surroundings, smiling vacantly as his family and friends celebrate.

This is my favorite Christmas song, precisely because it takes what you would expect out of a Christmas carol and flips it around, turning it into a nightmarish tale of family life.

Roger Daltrey's powerful vocals, accompanied by John Entwistle's and Pete Townshend's harmonious "Aahs," and bound together with Keith Moon's pounding drums make "Christmas" one of the best Christmas songs out there.

2. "It's Ice"- Phish  
"It's Ice" comes from Phish's album "Rift," a nightmarish concept album about a man going through the various stages of the sleep cycle. Here, the protagonist is skating on a thin sheet of ice, dreading the possibility of being pulled down into the icy depths by his "double."

This song is truly incred-

ible: it focuses on consciousness and the various aspects of one's personality. "It's Ice" perfectly captures the cold chill that comes with the fear of becoming who you don't want to be.

3. "New Ice Age"- The Horrors

"New Ice Age" is a haunting, spine-tingling trek through inner agony and torment. The song begins with distorted guitar and bass, with synthesizer slowly creeping its way in.

At about a minute into the song, the various synthesizers and effects swirl to a crescendo, dragging the listener into a pit of confusion and fear.

Front man Farris Badawan shouts into the microphone, completing the sense of foreboding and helplessness: "A new ice age / closer day by day / will freeze when ice wings / are swooping down."

4. "The Thin Ice"- Pink Floyd

"The Thin Ice" is a gorgeous, emotional piece off of Pink Floyd's infamous masterpiece "The Wall," a rock opera about a rock star that falls into drug abuse and madness.

Roger Waters warns us, in a high-pitched, condescending tone, that we shouldn't be surprised when the blinding beauty of modern life blinds us and leads us into something we can't get out of, like a crack in the ice.

You will slip and fall into the crack, with no hopes of getting out: "With your fear flowing behind you / As you claw the thin ice."

5. "Wintertime Love"- The Doors

The Doors' "Wintertime Love" is perhaps one of my favorite songs ever written. Jim Morrison's melodic, haunting voice and Ray Manzarek's organ chops make "Wintertime Love" a must-hear.

Morrison yearns for a lover to keep him warm during cold, chilly winter nights:



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The Who's "Christmas" is one holiday song not heard on the radio, but deserves a listen.

"Come with me, dance, my dear / Winter's so cold this year / You are so warm, my wintertime love, to me."

The song has a sublime, dizzying, waltz-like quality to it, emphasizing the dancing and the way the harsh winds blow from the north. You can't help be chilled by the song's subject matter, while being warmed by Morrison's silky, comforting voice.

6. "Sea Ice"- Sails  
"Sea Ice," by indie-punk band Sails, is hauntingly, depressingly beautiful. The singer knows that the listener is going through a hard time and doesn't know what to do, but he yearns to be where the listener is: in the land of sea ice.

The sea ice will come for the singer, but he just doesn't know when. It's inevitable that he will wind up where you are, but he's perfectly okay with that, since he won't be there alone.

7. "Snow (Hey Oh)"- The Red Hot Chili Peppers

Throughout human history, snow has been a symbol for a wide variety of things, such as: purity, cleanliness, silence, as

well as death, sadness, and entrapment.

Here, snow serves as a restorative force, that makes the narrator realize that the way he has been living his life has brought him nothing but trouble.

The narrator is both trapped and freed by the snow: it pushes down on him and leaves him with nowhere to go, but it also clears his mind, and allows him to think more clearly about his decisions.

8. "Winterwood"- Don McLean

"Winterwood," unlike the other songs in this playlist, is happy and tells a tale of love. McLean sings of his love for a woman, a love that encompasses everything and heals him when he is sad.

This woman sees and hears all; her peaceful ways but nature at ease.

This acoustic ballad is soft, lovely, and tender: something that can be necessary on lonely winter days. McLean's lover allows him to think clearly and see things as they are: she is his life and his savior.

# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Brad Pitt – Born Dec 18, 1963



Born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Brad Pitt was raised in Springfield, Missouri, the son of Bill, the owner of a trucking company, and Jane, a family counselor. After a modest and devoutly Southern Baptist upbringing, Pitt attended the University of Missouri, dropping out two credits shy of a degree in advertising to move to California and pursue a career in films. There, he landed a job as a limousine driver before attending acting classes and earning his first roles in small-part television roles like *Dallas* and *Growing Pains*. After a myriad of small roles in films following the '80s, Pitt got

his first taste of stardom as a hitchhiker in 1991's *Thelma & Louise*, a role that established his reputation as a sex symbol. Cast alongside Tom Cruise in 1994's *Interview with the Vampire*, Pitt succeeded in shedding his "pretty-boy" status among Hollywood casting crews, delivering a compelling performance and proving his acting chops. His next starring role in the thriller *Seven* established his range, taking the role of gritty cop opposite Morgan Freeman's sensible detective. His most memorable roles to follow would include a twisted antihero in the surreal *Fight Club*, a thief in the remake of *Ocean's Eleven*, and a spy opposite his future wife Angelina Jolie in *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*. He earned his first Oscar nomination for *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* in 2008.

## End of the Iraq War – Dec 15, 2011

The official end of the Iraq War came last year, when the last 4,000 troops began withdrawing from the embattled nation still fighting an insurgency to this day. The withdrawal came nine years after the initial invasion of Iraq, aimed to oust Saddam Hussein and stop the production of "weapons of mass destruction," an objective seemingly set under false pretenses. Nearly 4,500 soldiers died on the sands of Iraq, and the tens of thousands of Iraqi casualties ascertained its status as one of the bloodiest wars in recent memory. Still, the U.S. succeeded in overthrowing a mentally unstable and tyrannical leader, with ties to enemies like Iran and North Korea. The status of peace in Iraq since the withdrawal has remained

torn despite the subdued violence between the majority Shi'ites and the once-predominant Sunnis, two groups who share faith in common but not much else. A series of Shi'ite militias have formed, reportedly funded by Iran, to undermine Iraqi Security Forces tasked with maintaining peace amongst the land. Political and economical uncertainty has also continued to sweep the land, with the conflicted Muslim groups slowly distributing control in Iraq's government and the copious oil fields responsible for any economic success it has. Today, the only U.S. troops remaining in Iraq rest in the U.S. Embassy, aware that the fall of an unstable Iraq could happen once again if the Iraqi Security Forces falter.

## Chris Farley – Died Dec 18, 1997



Noted as one of the greatest physical comedians of all-time, Chris Farley's brand of unabashed buffoonery was influenced by his bloated five-foot, six-inch, 297-pound frame and a Midwestern upbringing in Madison, Wisconsin. Born in 1964, Farley studied acting and communication at Marquette University. After college, Farley joined the cast of Chicago's Second City comedy troupe. His unique performances caught the eye of Saturday Night Live's Lorne Michaels, who signed the upcoming actor to appear on the show. His most famous ensemble roles on the late-night show included motivational speaker Matt Foley, the focal point of Adam Sandler's "Lunch Lady Land," and an aspiring Chippendale's dancer competing with Patrick Swayze. Farley also appeared in many of

his fellow cast member's films, as bit characters in the likes of Billy Madison and Wayne's World before gaining starring roles in his own movies. He reprised his familiar role of lovable, large-bodied goofball in *Tommy Boy*, *Black Sheep*, and *Beverly Hills Ninja*, raising him to superstardom yet leading to his eventual downfall. His exacerbated drug use led to an overdose of cocaine and morphine, ending his life short at 33.

## Singer Jenni Rivera dies after plane crash

**Marisol Gomez**  
Voice Reporter

The Hispanic community has suffered a great loss this past weekend.

Mexican-American singer Jenni Rivera died after the plane that was transporting her and six other people crashed outside of Monterey, Mexico.

She had just finished a concert in Monterey, when she boarded the plane that was to transport her to Toluca, Mexico at the break of dawn

this past Sunday. Her plane then disappeared off the radar after being in the air for 15 to 20 minutes.

The search continued this past Monday, and according to Univision News (In Spanish) remains were found along with her driver's license and a dress.

Her family was to fly to Monterey this past Monday as well to identify her remains.

The remaining six other people accompanying her were her makeup artist, her lawyer, her manager, a Journalist friend, and their Lear-

jet's two pilots.

Jenni leaves behind five children, her parents, four brothers, one sister, and her husband (whom she was going through a divorce with).

Jenni's fans and celebrity friends express their deep sadness and send condolences to her family via Twitter.

A great loss indeed; she was only 43 years old and her career was at the top of its game.

May she rest in peace and may her family find the strength that they need in this tough moment.

Are there any concerts going on in our area of Western MA.?

Read any good books lately? Seen any good movies? Even bad experiences are worth sharing.

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# Voice editors appear in Maroon 5 music video

**Samantha Fahey**  
Editor-in-Chief

"The Daylight Project is a concept that involved everyone. We are looking to you for help. Send us your own films for the next Maroon 5 music video. Daylight is the third single off the new album *Overexposed*. The song means a lot to the band and your involvement is going to make the video special and unique. Your voice, your story and your idea will create this music video. We wish you the best of luck and thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

- Maroon 5

Tuesday, December 11 at around 1:10 p.m. Voice editors Alex Myers and myself watched Maroon 5's newest music video for Daylight.

In it, people from around the world were featured doing various things from singing and dancing to sharing their innermost secrets and fears.

Videos were submitted to the daylight project website and had to follow specific guidelines. To be considered, videos had to be shot in widescreen at the highest quality. Film

submissions could be no more than five minutes in length. A release form had to be printed, filled out, and scanned by each individual that appeared in the film submission, along with a scanned photo ID. Then they could be emailed back to [release@daylightproject.org](mailto:release@daylightproject.org).

When Alex found out about this, she jumped on it.

We sat in the Voice office being complete goofballs, as per usual. It was something to do on a lazy day, but it was meaningful because Maroon 5 is our favorite band. We honestly never expected that Maroon 5 would like what they saw.

"About a day after our submission, we got an email from Maroon 5 asking us to fill out a release form for the video and we freaked out," Alex said. "We assumed they sent that to everyone who submitted one."

Then two months went by and we hadn't heard anything back. Under the pressure of newspaper deadlines, homework, and exams, I admit that I forgot all about it.

"We didn't hear anything, so we assumed we didn't make the cut," Alex said. "I mean, how many videos did they get? Thousands from all over the

cerned, except there are jazz influences throughout the album, to its benefit.

The track "To Whom It May Concern" may be one of the most memorable and catchy tracks I've ever heard, with simple but elegant lyrics.

All of the other tracks are great, but "Amelia" and "Saint Valentine" stand out to me. Highly Recommended.

Rage Area: Venice Dubtronica: Rage Area's debut EP is an interesting listen at the very least. It features various mixtures of house/EDM, reg-



*photo by daylightproject.org*

world, I'm sure.

"So I was upset, but not surprised."

Monday, December 10, Adam Levine (Maroon 5's lead singer) sent out a tweet announcing that the video would premiere that night, live, after Maroon 5's interview with E! News.

We didn't necessarily care about seeing it on time. We missed it that night and then offhandedly remembered to watch it the next day.

"After about three minutes we were bummed out about not being in it," Alex said, "because it was cool seeing all their fans in one video."

Then, at 6:10, a girl in or-

ange streaked across the screen while another girl looked on laughing. Alex and I both screamed.

"If you thought we freaked out after seeing the email," Alex said, "you have no idea."

It was only a second, two at the most, but we watched it over and over until we decided to just continue watching the video. Then at 6:21 we screamed again.

"That was the absolute coolest thing that has ever happened to me. This band, who I adore, saw our video and picked us to be in it, even just for five seconds between our two appearances," Alex said. "Words cannot explain how I feel."

To see the video, you can go to [Maroon5.com](http://Maroon5.com) or [daylightproject.org](http://daylightproject.org).

"Every time I'm in the Voice office the girls are constantly playing Maroon 5," the Voice's News Editor, Kylie Coffey said. "I think that's why I hate Maroon 5 so much."

"If it wasn't for Adam Levine and his yumminess, I would never listen to a Maroon 5 song, simply because of how obsessed Samantha and Alex are."

Whether or not "obsessed" is the right word, knowing that we will forever be in one of our favorite bands' music videos is an amazing feeling. How many people can say that?

## Album reviews: Full of strong artists and recommended tracks

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

Bekah Barnett: Find Shelter Here- I wasn't sure what to expect going into this album until the vocals came in on the first track, "Safe Passage," and I knew I was in for an amazing listen.

The sounds almost like a cross between Sarah McLachlin and Joni Mitchell, and is as skilled vocally as either of them as far as I'm con-

gae, rock, and trip-hop influences, with certain tracks completely missing one element of this musical gumbo or the other, making it incredibly difficult to characterize the album as a whole.

If you're interested, listen to the tracks "The Mystery" and "Plumpjack," the first an excellent mostly electronica based track with great hooks and the second featuring good rhythm and is a relaxing track in general.

Charlene Kaye: Animal Love- This will be one of

the first pop albums I've ever strongly recommended, if only for the fact that it isn't a standard pop album.

Charlene Kaye's album is varied in its style, but the album eschews toward the fast paced songs, with influences from Madonna all the way to Queen, and urges toward the theatrical on tracks like "Poison Apple," but it works perfectly for her. Other strong tracks include "Forever Is A Long Time" and "Animal Love I."

The Record Company: Superdead EP- This blues/rock

trio created one of the best EP's I've listened to in recent memory. The band has a great sense of rhythm and I can imagine that their live show would be excellent to attend. Tracks like "Medicine Man" and "On the Move" had me unconsciously tapping my foot with the music.

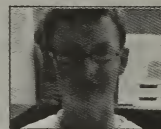
I rarely say this, but the entire album was a delight to listen to, start to finish. This is a perfect blend of blues and rock I've heard, and has my highest recommendation, especially for any fan of that type of music.

# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



It seems almost redundant to annually evaluate the rookie NFL quarterbacks by talking about the progress of the current rookie quarterback class.

This year isn't any different, as this season's rookie quarterback class is furthering the notion that we are seeing less busts each season.

There are six rookie QBs who are all having above average seasons, considerably elevating the players around them.

Teams finding successful quarterback selections this past spring are located in Indianapolis, Washington, Miami, Cleveland, Seattle and Philadelphia.

Andrew Luck, the highly sought after prospect who was turning heads during his ju-

nior year at Stanford as he was being compared to the likes of Peyton Manning, is ironically following in Manning's footsteps with the Colts.

Luck joined a two-win team from a season game ago and has led them to a record of 9-4 this year. He has accumulated over 3,500 yards and 17 touchdowns in the process.

Robert Griffin III has taken a Mike Shanahan offense to the next level, uplifting an offensively anemic team of last year to 7-6, winning four straight games heading into Cleveland this week.

He is somehow eclipsing Cam Newton's rookie numbers from 2011 with a rating of 104 and 17 touchdowns to only four interceptions.

His ability to move the

ball on the ground has also added over 700 yards to what has become a thriving offense for the Redskins.

Both Ryan Tannehill and Brandon Weeden have fallen into bad situations, but have given hope to two fan bases that have been in search for a viable quarterback since the mid-1990s.

Russell Wilson of Seattle and Nick Foles for the Eagles were drafted in the third round to act as a security blanket to the veteran starters in front of them.

Wilson earned the starting role this preseason despite his height of 5-11 and has excelled with the Seahawks. Foles fell into the spot as starter following Michael Vick's season ending injury, and it's now looking like his perma-

nent role.

So what is to be made of the heightened play at a position one would have previously considered the hardest to evaluate in the game?

For starters, these guys have entered systems that fit their individual skill sets.

The shift in readiness has also enriched the position's success over the past decade, and there is evidence of this across the league.

Many quarterbacks today are expected to have exceptional athleticism, allowing them to move around the pocket to create plays that a statue pocket passer fails to perform.

The ability to move around for many of these guys has served as their ally as Luck, Griffin, Tannehill and

Wilson are all able to run at a remarkably high level for their position.

Traditionally, rookie quarterbacks have struggled transitioning to the professional game due to the fact that the game is moving too quickly.

Having the ability to run allows these guys to make throws outside the pocket, giving their receivers extended time to get open.

This also prohibits these players from making ill-advised passes, therefore decreasing their interceptions.

When January rolls around, don't be surprised to see rookies like Griffin III or Wilson helping their teams advance in the playoffs if they earn a spot in the playoff picture.

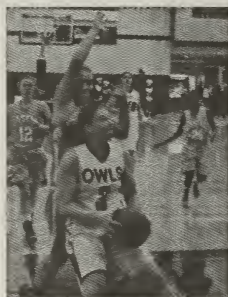
## Westfield State women's basketball team improves to 5-3

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday, December 8, WSU women's basketball coach Andrea Bertini sent a message that she is not afraid to alter her team's starting lineup, bringing her team's two leading scorers in Gabby Felix and Jen Ashton off the bench against Salve Regina.

Felix, a sophomore who averages 13.6 points and eight rebounds per game, and Ashton, another sophomore who averages almost 12 point and five assists per game, did not start in Westfield's 62-57 win over Salve Regina, but both had a major impact on the victory.

After a slow start against a team that only had one win



*photo by Mickey Curtis*  
Jen Ashton led Westfield with a game-high 15 points against Salve Regina.

on the season, the Owls finally started to get into a groove thanks to Felix and Angela Paterson, who both had 12 points each in a winning performance.

The win was the fifth of the season for Westfield and the team's record stands at 5-3 (as of December 10).

However, the Owls did not play the type of game that they're capable of, as they were down by as many as 12 points early in the second half, but managed to come back thanks to some key free throw shooting and the leadership of their point guard Ashton.

Ashton finished the game with 15 points and was stellar on the defensive side of the ball, collecting six steals in the win.

Westfield, who is coming off a very successful season that included a MASCAC championship last year, is looking to continue their dominance in the conference this season.

But if they want to continue doing well they need to play

a complete game, and not play down to weaker opponents as they did against Salve Regina. Westfield also needs to improve their three-point shooting as they are only shooting 27% as a team from down town this year.

The Owls next two games are on the road, as they play

UMass Boston and Elms College prior to a two-week holiday break, and the team's next home game is against Smith College on January 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Westfield doesn't begin MASAC conference play until January 5 when they face Salem State.

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**Sagittarius**

(November 22 – December 21)

Your investments may be in flux with incoming chaos and doom, but you simply want to take a look at your finances and take chances on things you never thought you would. Consider the commodity market or more practical stocks.

**Capricorn**

(December 21 – January 20)

If you have equestrian interests, it may not be advisable for you to go out on evening rides in your winter hoods carrying your families' antique swords and weapons.

**Aquarius**

(January 21 – February 19)

If you see a man with a black hat and a red cane during the apocalyptic season, run as fast as you can. He is mostly likely the harbinger of all you fear in your life. If he chases you, he will not be able to cross a river running to the East.

**Pisces**

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Your fears of the undead will be unfounded, but some of the precautions you have taken for their coming will still remain useful to you. You will want to remain hydrated and be able to keep a steady aim.

**Aries**

(March 21 - April 20)

In the coming weeks, finding new sources of entertainment to carry you through the day will be useful to you. It may not be advisable to have a library of books if you have corrective lenses, as there is a possibility they will break in the riots.

**Taurus**

(April 21 – May 21)

You may wish to call your eccentric survivalist uncle and build that relationship; the stars suggest that this relationship will aid you as time progresses. Gifts of dried food may be your friend in this endeavor.

**Gemini**

(May 22 – June 21)

You will want to relax a little because you will have a lot of work ahead of you when you rise to the highest class in the new world order established. It may be a little stressful at first, but eventually you will get everything you have ever wanted.

**Cancer**

(June 22 – July 22)

You may want to work a little extra on your shelter, as the stars have predicted that the worst parts of the impending doom will be coming your way first. Remember, freeze dried food is your friend here.

**Leo**

(July 23 – August 23)

This Christmas season has a lot to offer you, and while you naturally may not originally feel as though you have the spirit of the season, this fact is likely to change as times goes on. Don't give up on the holiday just yet.

**Virgo**

(August 24 – September 22)

Trust not your left-hand man when the end comes, nor the person to his left. They are in the prime position to stab you in the back, and the new world will only allow for the truest bonds of trust to remain useful.

**Libra**

(September 23 – October 22)

You remember that secret you have been keeping hidden up your sleeve for quite some time now, waiting for the perfect moment to reveal them? Prepare yourself, for the cosmos is sending that perfect moment your way, and it will come quicker than you thought.

**Scorpio**

(October 23 – November 21)

You will probably feel tired in the coming weeks, and may want to skip the upcoming festivities of desperation. Your lack of guilt will give you the confidence to make great strides in your romantic life in the new age.

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## Christmas Carols

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## WSU's Dever Stage Schedule

**Saturday, January 12:** 3:00p.m, Young Singers of Greater Westfield

**Tuesday, February 5:** 4:00p.m, SGA - State of the Campus Address

**Thursday, February 7:** 7:30p.m, Faculty Recital

**Sunday, February 10:** 3:00p.m, Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Wednesday, February 13:** 5:00p.m, Voice Area Recital

**Sunday, February 17:** 7:30p.m, Student Recital: John Barberio, trombone

**Thursday, February 21:** 7:30p.m, CAB presents Westfield's Got Talent

**Friday, February 22 and Saturday February 23:** 7:30p.m, Vagina  
Monologues

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4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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*Monday - Thursday*

6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

*Friday*

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Saturday*

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Sunday*

12:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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*Monday - Thursday*

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*Friday*

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*Saturday & Sunday*

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*Friday*

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*Saturday*

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*Saturday*

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# The Westfield Voice

## The Student Press of Westfield State University

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## WSU ranks fourth in top online education programs

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

Westfield State University was ranked fourth out of 160 colleges for top online education programs according to U.S. News & World Report.

Although overall ranked fourth, WSU's online completion program was ranked in three different categories.

The three different categories were: faculty credentials and training, in which Westfield scored first, student services and technology (#16), and teaching practices and student engagement (#42).

Meagan Arena, director of program development and outreach in the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education said in a statement to MassLive in regards to WSU's top-ranked faculty credentials, "We have something here called Web Camp.

"It's an intensive online training camp, so we're very much focused on what the faculty needs to do a great job," she said.

The official press release from WSU states that in order to be considered for the online completion program at the university, most applicants should have an associate's degree from a community college, particularly in Massachusetts.

The online program has increased in popularity in the last four years.

At the end of 2009, there were 20 online program graduates. In May 2012, there were 113 graduates.

Westfield State offers five online bachelor's degree completion programs.

These programs are business, criminal justice, liberal studies, history, and sociology. In the fall of 2013, a psychology completion degree will be launched.

Kimberly Tobin, Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education, in the press release said, "We have an advantage over other programs because we have been offering online courses for over ten years, which has given us the opportunity to hone the quality and depth of our offerings as well as the experience to help prepare students for this non-traditional approach to education."

To qualify for the U.S. News & World Report's rankings, Westfield competed

against 160 schools based off a point value system.

The highest overall score is 100%. The #1 school scored 71 points, only ten points behind at 61 points was Westfield State.

WSU is the only school in Massachusetts that was ranked for online programs.

UMass was in the U.S. News & World Report Rankings but for categories such as their nursing program (#12), their graduate business program (#22), and graduate education

(59th).

Westfield's online completion program beat out programs that are acclaimed for their online programs such as the University of Phoenix, which only ranked 70.

Many students at Westfield State have taken at least one online class in their college career, many for the convenience of not getting out of bed for an extra class, others because of scheduling conflicts.

Not many students know that you could actually complete your bachelor's degree online.

"You can actually do that? Really?" asked Samantha Fahey, Voice Editor-in-Chief.

Online completion programs are becoming increasingly more popular.

Many students are completing their degrees later in life because life happens. Bills have to be paid and children have to be fed. Often times a college degree needs to take a back seat.

Although Westfield State is a popular school for students that want a traditional college experience like living on campus, there is a huge commuter community at Westfield State.

Now with the online completion program getting more recognition, there are high hopes to increase the online graduate rate significantly in the next few years.



*photo by David Harris-Fried*

Winners of the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership are pictured from left to right: Westfield State University President Evan S. Dobelle, Eric Tuvell, Christopher Lewis, Erica Stephens, Nicole Morin, Brittany Moniz, Yezenia Santos, Jaime Jaquez, Victoria Downs, and Robert Donoghue. For more, see page 4.

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# Quick Hits

## Friday, February 1

7:30p.m.

Celtics vs. Orlando Magic  
*The Nest, Ely*

## Saturday, February 2

1:00p.m.

Women's basketball vs.  
Bridgewater State  
*Woodward Center*

3:00p.m.

Men's basketball vs.  
Bridgewater State  
*Woodward Center*

8:00p.m.

Comedians  
*The Nest, Ely*

## Sunday, February 3

5:00p.m.

Superbowl Halftime  
Party!  
*The Nest, Ely*

# Weekly updates from Student Government

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association had its first meeting Tuesday, January 22 in the newly renovated Peter D. Maza SGA room in the basement of Ely.

Our first guest was Steven Duque, the CEO of Momba. He came to speak about the three Momba machines that are located in Davis, Dickinson, and Scanlon.

He also asked for feedback about the machines and what new products could be added to the vending machines.

Stephanie Close, President of SGA, spoke about the events happening on February 5th, 2013. At 4pm in Dever Auditorium, Close will be delivering the 2nd annual State of the Campus address. We encourage all students to attend.

At 5pm, there will be a rededication of the new SGA room, and a regularly scheduled SGA meeting.

Michelle Hanney, Vice President of Programming, spoke about the Campus Activity Board's "Winter Weekend" festivities that occurred Thursday January 24th through the weekend.

The following Tuesday, January 29, SGA held their second meeting. There were two guest speakers: Matt Dellea and Sue Lamontagne.

Dellea, Residential Life staff member, came to speak about the new open positions for students. Residential Assistant and Orientation Leader applications are due on Friday, February 7th at 4:00 in Residential Life.

LaMontagne, Dean of Students, came to talk about Lee Mun Wah, the diversity speaker and writer of the movie

"If These Hallways Could Talk." He will be spending the day on campus on February 14th. More information to come.

SGA President Stephanie Close invited SGA to attend the Suicide Prevention Workshop on February 6th. She also spoke about the State of the Campus Address that will take place at 4:00 on February 5th in Dever Auditorium and Stage. All of campus is invited and encouraged to attend.

Michelle Hanney, Vice President of Programming and President of CAB, talked about "WSU's Got Talent," a talent show competition that the Campus Activities Board is holding for all of campus.

For more information and how to get involved, e-mail Michelle at [vpprogramming.sga@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:vpprogramming.sga@westfield.ma.edu) or check out the CAB Facebook page.

Luis Arzola, President of the Commuter Council, an-

nounced that there will be an interest meeting for commuters who want to be involved with the council on February 6th, from 1:30-2:30 in the Owl's Nest in the basement of Ely.

Rich Darrach, President of the Class of 2015, spoke about the fundraiser that the Class of 2015 will be holding from February 11th-February 14th. They will be selling "Hugs and Kisses" candy bags to send to your friends around campus for \$1.

They will be located in the Commuter Café and outside of Dunkin Donuts on those days. The money raised will contribute to the "Dancing with the Stars" event that the class is doing on March 1st, 2013.

The Student Government's next is Tuesday, February 5th, 2013 at 5:30 in the SGA room located in the basement of Ely, next to Dunkin Donuts. All meetings are open to the public.



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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



# Students react to wellness center

**JR Nieb**  
Voice Reporter

All of the six treadmills, four bikes, and six ellipticals were being used by college students at the Ely Wellness Center at Westfield State between 3 and 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Kamal Makkiya, assistant manager of the Ely Wellness Center, said the newly renovated Ely Wellness Center is a huge improvement. Makkiya said the Ely Wellness Center now has a lot more open space, more room to move around and is not as crowded.

"We definitely have another level," he said. "Before we were just in the basement level."

Makkiya said the big difference was just opening up space for cardiovascular training and free weight areas.

"To get more space here because the past few years we've been really growing and we've just haven't had the space to accommodate people working out," he said, commenting on why they changed the design of the Ely Wellness Center, "Especially at the peak times."

"We just didn't have enough space for everybody to come and be able to do what they wanted to do," he said. "So that was a big thing on why we ended up having two floors to open up the space."

Makkiya said one of the big advantages is that people don't have to wait around to use equipment because they have more equipment and more free weight areas.

He said they have more natural light, especially with the treadmills and ellipticals being placed the windows so when people use that equipment, they can actually see outside because before, the treadmills and ellipticals were placed up

against the wall.

The top floor of the Ely Wellness Center is carpeted. There is some weightlifting equipment on the top floor, but most of the weightlifting equipment is found in the basement level of the Wellness Center.

"I actually really like it," Rebecca Davis, a sophomore and athletic training major said. "It's a very nice gym and it has a lot of new facilities."

"I actually go more often now," she said. "I go about five times a week."

Davis said she used to go to the Woodward Center to exercise five days a week.

"I like the convenience of it rather than walking all the way down to Woodward," she said.

Davis said she likes how the Ely Wellness Center now has more hours than it did before, the fact that it's bigger, has more equipment and more room for lifting.

"I like it a lot," said Stephen Pike, a sophomore and business and economics major. "I go there probably five times a week."

Pike said he thinks the Ely Wellness Center is a lot more improved from last year, especially with all of the new equipment. Pike said that when the Ely Wellness Center was only in the basement, it was a little gloomier because of the lack of light.

The Ely Wellness Center is now open until 10:30 p.m., which makes it more convenient for students like Pike.

The Ely Wellness Center opens at 6:30 a.m. Pike said he went to work out at the Ely Wellness Center very early in the morning a couple of times because he needed to do so.

"I like it a lot," said Alicia Anniello, a sophomore and early childhood education major. "It's bigger and there's more

machines for people to use."

Anniello said she tries to go work out at the Ely Wellness Center everyday.

"I like how there are two floors in it," she said. "I think it's easier for people to work out."

"I really like the new Wellness Center," said David Card, a junior and English and economics major. "I think it gets a lot more people to come to the gym because it's a nicer facility."

Card said he likes going to the gym in a nicer environment because it gives students a good opportunity to work out and not have to wait for other people to finish their workouts so they could do their own.

"There's more equipment," he said. "So there's more opportunities to do different exercises."

Card said depending on the day he'd mostly use the free weights and benches. Card said he would occasionally use the treadmill.

"All the cardio machines don't face the weights," said Brian Malloy. "Which could be slightly intimidating for some people."

Malloy said the new arrangements are advantages for some students.

"I love it," said Hannah Kelley, a senior and biology and chemistry major at Westfield State University. "I think that the quality of a lot of the machines are better."

"There's three times as many machines," she said. "There's more treadmills."

Kelley said the new and improved Ely Wellness Center gives is a better place for students to work out rather than being in the basement.

"It gives people an opportunity to work out," said Kelley. "Even though it costs more, it just gives people a better chance to get in shape."

# Coffey Break with Tanner Farr

by Kylie Coffey



Hometown: Dalton, MA  
Major: Communication

1. What's your favorite song at the moment?  
T.I. and Lil Wayne – Ball.
2. What's on your to do list before you graduate?  
Have relations in the stacks.
3. Who's your best friend on snapchat?  
Michelle Kooyomjian.
4. What's your favorite app?  
Jetpack Joyride. Everyone should get on that.
5. If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you bring?  
Unlimited supply of Arnold Palmer Iced Tea, Nicki Minaj and hot wings.
6. If you had to live in a 3rd world country which one would it be and why?  
The Philippines because I would fit in with my eyes.
7. Ravens or 49ers? Score?  
Ravens. 23-20.

*If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

# Nine WSU students receive the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership

## WSU Press Release

Westfield State University recognized nine students for their contribution to the university in leadership roles and in service to the university and the community. Each student was recognized with the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership in a ceremony held on Friday November 30th in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

"Empowering those around you through service is the very definition of leadership," said Westfield State University President Evan S. Dobelle. "What these students have learned and accomplished both in and out of the classroom will shape their futures and hopefully inspire others."

The nine students selected this year are all juniors or seniors with an average GPA of 3.74. The President's Award of Excellence in Leadership was created in 2007 and can be awarded to any eligible student. A committee comprised of 12 faculty and peers review all applications.

Each of this year's winners participate in a wide range of on- and off-campus activities.

Senior Political Science and Communication double major Robert Donoghue of Middleboro, MA is an editor of the university newspaper *The Voice*, a member of the Communication Club, The Law Club, Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society, and Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. Donoghue volunteers by setting up for Relay for Life in Mansfield, and at the Samaritan Inn in Westfield. Donoghue said that community service help him stabilize his future goals.

"While attending law school and working as a lawyer is my plan for the future, involvement in community service and connecting with those

who may be less fortunate has strengthened my future goal of being a public defender so that I can work with indigent defendants to ensure that they receive proper legal aid."

Communication major Victoria Downs, class of 2013, of Hull, MA is a WSU Student Ambassador, A Resident Assistant, and a new student and parent orientation leader. Downs is a member of the Lambda Pi Eta and Lambda Sigma honor societies. She participated in WSU HOOT (Helping Out Our Town) Day, Birthday Wishes in Holyoke, and on campus at blood drives.

Downs' leadership skills were ignited when she became an orientation leader on campus, and she hopes to keep that spark in her professional life.

"I found my place at Westfield State through my experience as an orientation leader," Downs said. "I saw what it meant to be a leader not only for the first year students, but also for this campus and what it represents. I think that my desire to lead and inspire others will stay with me throughout my future endeavors and hopefully inspire others to keep working towards their goals."

Criminal Justice major Jaime Jaquez, '12, of Worcester, MA is a math tutor in the Urban Education department on campus as well as a member of the Westfield State University Honor Program, Criminal Justice Club, and treasurer of the Latino Association for Empowerment (LAFE).

Jaquez has been involved in many community service efforts on campus including HOOT Day, First Year Convocation, and in the Admissions department where he gave a speech to first year students and parents at the First Year Acceptance Day. Jaquez said the speech helped him realize the importance one person can make.

"The reward I received

was great and not tangible," Jaquez said. "It was the thought of knowing that I had motivated over 500 students to want to come to Westfield State and make a difference as I was slowly doing."

Junior Political Science and Communication major Britany Moniz of Leominster, MA is a member of the 2014 Class Council, Campus Activities Board (CAB), Student Government Association (SGA), an RA, and a Student Ambassador. Moniz has participated in HOOT Day, two years of blood drives on campus, and most recently volunteered at Glide Memorial Church in the Daily Meals Program in San Francisco, CA for two weeks in January.

Moniz said her work as an RA helped her break out of her shell and develop a sense of pride.

"I learned a lot about myself as a result of stepping out of my comfort zone to perform some of the required duties. It is truly a rewarding experience to facilitate a sense of community among a group of people and be exposed to a variety of personalities," she said.

Criminal Justice and Political Science double major Christopher Lewis, class of 2013 of Revere, MA is chairman of the Student Conduct Board, President of the Wounded Warriors Club, a UMASS PD Police Cadet, and a reserve policeman for the Wells, ME police department. He is involved in a number of volunteer efforts both on and off campus including the Westfield Boys and Girls Club, St. Baldrick's Organization, and the Special Olympics Maine.

"I have firsthand seen the difference a police officer can make in someone's life," Lewis said. "I have no doubt I will continue my community oriented approach in my policing philosophy and hope to be looked at as a true leader in the community throughout my career."

Economics and Business major Nicole Morin, '13, of Boylston, MA is an RA, Orientation Leader, a member of the Student Activists for Gender Equality, a member of Students Today Respecting Individuals of Various Experiences (STRIVE), a WSU Dance Company choreographer, and a radio host at the campus station WSKB.

Morin participated in the Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break, the Stomp and Holler walk, the "Take Back the Campus" walk, organized a "Letters for Soldiers" event, and organized a Westfield State team for the Rays of Hope walk to promote cancer awareness in October.

"My involvements at Westfield State have shaped my life by allowing me to become a confident, extroverted, charismatic person," Morin said. "I now feel that I am a leader with the power to inspire others towards my goals."

Senior Psychology and Spanish major Yezenia Santos of Westfield, MA is a student assistant in the Multicultural Office, an Open House tour guide, a tutor for Spanish and psychology, Counselor for Dan Kane's Enrichment Camp, and treasurer of Alcohol Choices Education. Santos volunteers locally at the WSAA golf tournament, HOOT Day, Stanley Park, an anti-bullying walk in Springfield, and as a basketball coach for the Westfield Park and Rec.

Santos said her experience as an orientation leader and an RA helped her develop necessary skills that will apply to her career.

"I gained self-confidence, leadership skills, and responsibility," Santos said. "It has given me a sense of identity, a feeling of belonging and acceptance. I want to continue my role as a leader and helping others, and following a counseling career path will help me get there."

Elementary Education

and Liberal Studies major Erica Stephens, '13, of Enfield, CT is a co vice-president of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, vice-president and editor of the Student National Education Association (SNEA), the implementer and coordinator of the "Littles and Bigs" Mentor/Mentoree Program, and regularly teaches Sunday and Bible School.

"Every activity I have been involved in has made me feel comfortable interacting with others in various social settings," Stephens said. "These involvements have shaped me into someone who is no longer extremely shy and made me feel more prepared for my future of leading a classroom. The most important goal I have for my future is to become an elementary school teacher and knowing the traits that make a good leader will help me figure out the role I need to play."

Junior Nursing and Allied Health major Eric Tuvel of Reading, MA is a teaching assistant in the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Class, a tutor in the Banacos Academic Center, vice-president of the Nursing Class of 2014, and assists university nursing students with CPR Certification and Clarification. Tuvel volunteers with the WSU Emergency Medical Services club and the Western Massachusetts Medical Reserve Corps.

"All of the experiences I have had at Westfield State have helped shape me as a person," Tuvel said. "Through learning, teaching, self-evaluation, and peer and instructor evaluation, all of the experiences and people involved have helped make me a stronger, better person and medical and nursing provider. All of this will help me attain my career goals as well as my social and personal ones."

The students were awarded at a dinner banquet and were presented with plaques designating their honor.



# WSU Ski and Snowboard Club looking to expand

**Jesse Camp**  
Voice Reporter

With winter fast approaching, skiers and snowboarders are eagerly awaiting cold and snowy conditions perfect for both natural and manmade snow production. While many fear New England's unpredictable and often harsh winter environment, some Westfield State University students can't wait to surround themselves in snow covered trails and know that when it comes to discounts, there's strength in numbers.

Westfield State's Ski & Snowboard Club Advisor, David LaRocque, said that not only are they ready to hit the slopes, but that members of the club are looking to recruit as well. With LaRocque taking on

the club advisor position effective October 1st, the club began holding regular meetings and filling vacant positions.

Freshmen, Taylor Prewett and Cameron Savinski, have filled both the President and Vice President positions respectively.

"Feedback has been great," exclaimed Prewett, who was very pleased with the almost 50 interested attendees at their first meeting.

With no club fees, the creation of a club page on Facebook, and a group e-mailing list, Prewett and Savinski hope to increase the member numbers rapidly. Almost 30 members were present at the club's third official meeting on November 19th, where WSU Sophomore, Maye Randall, was voted in as the Communications Manager.

Tasked with increasing

club awareness, promoting participation, and maintaining correspondence, Randall says she's ready to start.

"I want everyone to get excited about the season," said Randall, an avid skier with fifteen years experience. "It's a good opportunity to take advantage of."

One final position of Travel Manager remained vacant and Prewett invited interested parties to submit nominations directly to either him or club vice-president Savinski.

The club officers agree that they know a lot of skiers and boarders on campus; however, many are not attending club meetings or may not be aware of how to get involved. Ski resorts looking to attract college students often target clubs with discounted group rates, deals, and special inclu-

sive packages.

Savinski is currently cultivating relationships with resorts like Mt. Snow, that offer tailored college discounts. Discussed in a meeting before winter break was the Higher Education College Season Pass offered by Mt. Snow to WSU Ski & Snowboard Club Members at just \$299 and includes five mountains with zero black-out dates.

"With just four visits, the pass pays for itself," explained Savinski.

Prewett and Savinski both understand the reality of college student's budgets, limited funds, and cost associated with skiing and snowboarding. This is exactly why they are encouraging students to help build the club membership so that trips can be planned at discounted rates and transportation arranged in order

to reduce costs to the students.

"We want students to get involved and get to know people that are into the skiing and snowboarding community," said Prewett.

With access to university transportation, some fee exemptions, and deals exclusive to the club, Prewett is already hard at work.

Some big mountain resort trips are being planned as well as weekly night trips to both Blandford Ski Resort and Berkshire East, where night skiing is offered.

Anyone interested in joining the club, filling a vacant position or seeking more information, can email club president, Taylor Prewett, at [tprewett9587@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:tprewett9587@westfield.ma.edu) or club vice-president, Cameron Savinski, at [csavinski8507@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:csavinski8507@westfield.ma.edu).

## Overcoming obesity: One woman's struggle to 'fit in with society'

**Digno Ortiz**  
Voice Reporter

Obesity in the United States is a hot topic that many talk of in the news, in papers, in the health industry, and in schools.

The main reason is because many people have been affected by it and it has had a negative impact on themselves and their loved ones.

According to an article in USA Today, titled "Longevity masks unhealthy lifestyles - Rankings show too much obesity, smoking, sittings," 27.8% of Americans are obese.

It may seem as if 27.8 is a low percentage, but it means that 66 million people in the United States are 30 or more pounds overweight.

Gabriela Santiago has been going through a struggle with her weight for many

years.

She has been obese since the age of eight.

In her junior and high school years, she felt out of place when she looked at other students who were skinny.

Santiago said that other students called her names like fat-so, or asked why her older sister was skinny and not her. Her sister was among the people that made fun of her.

Sometimes, Santiago said, she didn't want to go to school because she couldn't face the name-calling and jabs at her weight.

It made her "feel like less of a person." She felt bullied, she said.

At the age of 17, Santiago was able to reach society's definition of normal weight. She said that she was finally happy.

"I started having many friends, just like normal students did," Santiago said. "Students

and teachers would compliment me on how skinny I was.

"The name calling was gone, but I felt bad for the other kids that were still being made fun of because of their weight."

Santiago said that she kept her weight off until the age of 20.

Then she got married and in less than a year she gained 60 pounds.

The roller coaster of her weight started again, but this time she felt unhealthy with cramping on her muscles and a trembling feeling in her body.

After many tests were done by doctors, it was concluded that she had a neurological disorder called Muscular Atrophy, which is the deterioration of the nerve cells in the muscles.

Santiago said the doctors told her that without any muscle in the body, she was not able to burn fat.

Most of the things she ate would turn into fat because the nutrients didn't go to the muscle or to the appropriate parts of the body where it is needed.

The doctors advised her to workout more than usual to strengthen her muscle, which she would have to do the rest of her life.

When Santiago discovered this condition, she said she felt overwhelmed and wasn't sure how she was going to battle with what she had.

"I felt so overwhelmed [because] of my weight escalating again. I didn't know what to do with my condition together with the weight," she said, "I thought, 'I can't go back to what I was before the name calling and being looked upon like less than a person.'"

She decided to work out almost every day and try to eat healthier. Santiago said that approximately one and a half years

later she had lost 82lbs.

Santiago said, "I finally became skinny again and felt healthier than ever. The condition I have helped me to be determined in losing the weight I gained and strengthen the muscles.

"I look back now and see how hard I worked in not only being thin, but also being and feeling healthy," she said.

Santiago overcame the struggle of being the appropriate weight, not only because of society looking at her like less than a person, but because she knew that it was not healthy for her.

According to American Public Health Association, obesity is one of the most serious problems Americans are facing. Around one in five children in the United States are overweight. But Santiago's story proves that being healthy is not impossible.

## WSU students attend president's inauguration

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

On Monday, January 21st, 2013, 108 students from Westfield State University had the opportunity to travel down to Washington, D.C. to witness the second inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Although he was formally inaugurated in accordance with the Constitution on Sunday, January 20th, all of the pomp and circumstance of the historic event was reserved for the next day where there was an estimated attendance of more than 900,000 people.

The WSU students and faculty arrived in Washington, D.C. at about 7:00 in the morning on January 21st to catch a glimpse of the event. After the inauguration, they had the opportunity to explore Washington.

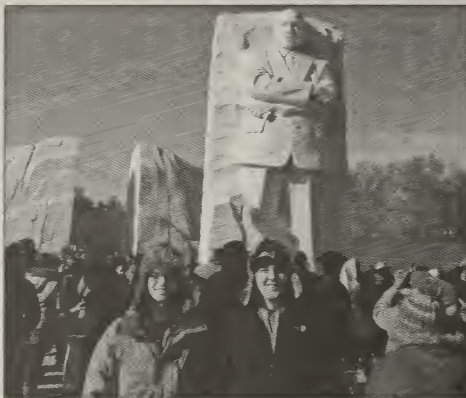
Students were given maps of all the other sights such as the Washington Monument, the Holocaust Museum, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and other hot spots in our nation's capital.

Carlton Pickron, Vice President of Student Affairs, was pleased with the trip. "Students did their job: going down, having fun, and then getting back on the bus. It seemed like everybody had fun," he said.

Pickron, who also accompanied students to the first inauguration of President Obama, said there were two differences between the first and second inaugurations: the weather and the numbers.

The 2009 inauguration of our country's first African-American president saw an estimated attendance of two million people, compared to the 900,000 plus this year. The crowds this year braved temperatures about ten degrees warmer than last year.

The Washington, D.C. crowd was not only less in



*photo by Carlton Pickron*

Andrew McCormack (left) and Jonathan Luz (right) were two of many students who attended the president's inauguration last week.

numbers, but fewer WSU students went on the trip this year as well. In 2009, there were nine buses full of students, but for the 2012 inauguration there were only two.

Pickron agreed there was more enthusiasm in 2009, given the historic significance of the first African-American president being inaugurated, but he added that it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many students who had never been to their nation's capital before.

The idea to send students to the inauguration of President Obama came from students who asked Pickron if the school would sponsor such a trip. When he approached the University president about the idea, he found that Dr. Dobelle was more than enthusiastic about the idea.

Dr. Dobelle and his wife Kit were in attendance as well, but they went separately.

Jonathan Luz, a junior Political Science major, echoed the sentiments of many students who felt that attending the inauguration was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"Getting to view the in-

auguration from the rooftop of 101 Constitution Avenue was a unique experience as well," said Luz.

"It is an experience I will remember forever and I am extremely appreciative to have been able to attend," he added.

Junior Andrew McCormack said of the trip, "The views of the city were amazing...being able to see the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and other great monuments really finished the day off right."

The trip has been viewed by many of its attendees as a success with many of the students thanking the faculty chaperones for bringing them down to this historic event.

When asked if the school would have sent students to Washington for a Romney inauguration, Carlton Pickron responded with, "Oh yes. Evan [Dobelle] said in the beginning, if we send students down for this one [the 2009 inauguration], we have to send them to all of them.

"It doesn't matter about the politics of the person, they're still our president, and we have to respect that," he added.

## Editor's Desk



Hi everyone! Welcome back!

I have a proposal: why not split up the M lots? Every day when I come back from my internship, there are absolutely zero spots in M lot outside New Hall. I know I'm not the only one that this happens to. Maybe it's because people are parking where they shouldn't be, but it's also probably because there are two M lots. Why not keep M lot over by the Apartment Complex and make the M lot by New Hall "N" lot? Or "Q" lot, who cares? Anything would be better than not having somewhere to park and having to worry about getting ticketed in Commuter Lot because I had nowhere else to go (other than South Lot, and that defeats the purpose of having an M lot sticker). Anyway, that's my rant for the night! Just a suggestion. If you have any thoughts about this topic, letters to the editors are always welcome! Thanks!

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# 'Tree Man' protester ruins inauguration for thousands

**Keith Winer**  
Voice Alumni

An anti abortion protester screams for his cause during the President's speech and most of the other historic events during the Inauguration ceremony.

It was a chilly, but hopeful morning for all in attendance on Monday, January 21st for the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States.

People from all over the world anticipated history as they expected to listen to the man making that history, while celebrating the Inauguration of President Barack Obama as he begins his second term.

Thousands of people lined the Washington D.C West Capitol for a chance to be only about 600 yards away from President Obama.

With his left hand placed on historic bibles of President Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the President was unofficially sworn in on the holiday celebrating Dr. King, revered civil rights icon, in front of his loyal supporters and the American people.

Mr. Obama officially took the oath of office the day before (January 20th), as required by the 20th Amendment.

Chief Justice John Roberts in the Blue Room of the White House administered

the oath.

Because of 2009's record crowds and reported logistical mistakes, law enforcement and the planning committee were ready this year for a smaller crowd.

It was worth the wait for those people, as history was made again. They witnessed the first black President to be re-elected to the most powerful position in the world.

After waiting all morning for the passionate speech, the crowd was prepared for Mr. Obama to articulate his plans for the future of the country.

Security, police, and law enforcement as a whole were on point at this year's ceremony with very few incidents, but couldn't seem to figure out an appropriate way to take down the disrespectful man in the tree without major disruption.

River Miller Grogan, a man with a known history of ruining these types of national events, was the person spewing invectives such as, "Obama kills babies," and "Stop Obama."

The crowd, clearly upset at Grogan, later derisively dubbed him "Tree Man," for ruining the historic moment.

Chris Liquori, who was covering the event for public access television, spoke out in rage after the festivities.

"Never in my life have I been so angered at brazen disrespect," Liquori went on to note,

"Since the President has been unable to close Guantanamo, maybe this man can spend the rest of his days there, he certainly deserves it."

Grogan, who eventually was removed from the tree by law enforcement and later arrested, is no stranger to handcuffs. Cincinnati Police arrested "Tree Man," before game 3 of the National League Division Series a few years ago for similar unruly and inappropriate actions.

Fox News later reported that US Capitol Police charged Grogan with contempt of court, using Capitol grounds as playground, so far as may be necessary to protect the public property.

After speaking with event officials, the mystery lingered as to why Grogan was not taken into police custody earlier, a move that would have protected thousands of eardrums as well as preserving millions of memories.

'Tree Man' won't be ruining any more D.C gatherings in the near future. According to the Washington Post, a D.C. judge has ordered a ban of Grogan from setting foot in the District of Columbia.

After talking to many witnesses, Liquori voiced a popular opinion about the out of line protest, "I can't emphasize how many thousands of people this one idiot man ruined it for."

## Editor's Desk



Welcome back!

So, what, I have, like 14 Editor's Desk's left until I write my last one? I'm sure all non-seniors are sick of hearing us seniors say things like "OMG this is the last first day of class EVER!" But cut us some slack.

Something like seventeen years of our lives have been spent in school. And now we're close to being done with school forever. It's weird. And it's surreal, but I'm ready.

But since, like I said, I have 14 weeks left, I'll leave the corny stuff for later. For now, I just want to say that we're back and ready to have an amazing last semester at the paper. Thanks to everyone for your continued support! Hope you all had a great break!

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# WSU senior reflects as graduation approaches

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

As a journalism student, I don't believe in writing in the first person. I find it extremely unethical and it's just not something I do when writing articles. However, this story is about me and virtually every other senior graduating in the May so I figure I'll let it slide this time.

The last semester. After seven of them, we're at the home stretch, the last act approaching the finale. The real world is quickly upon us and, I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm not ready to leave.

College is like a bubble. We live in a community with people our own age, pay for our meals with just a swipe of a card, and if we show up looking like we just rolled out of bed, we can't get fired from class.

But this semester, responsibility has crept up on us. I'm not talking about the type of responsibility that is your professor trusting you to do the reading for class. I'm talking waking up early, dressing professionally and getting the taste

for what the real world will be like type of responsibility. For many of us seniors, student teaching, internships, and life is happening.

No longer can we just roll out of bed, throw on a sweatshirt and go. We have to pick out our clothes the night before, look presentable, and make an impression. Not that this applies to everyone but for many this is the case.

I remember when it finally hit me that this was it. After the countless number of conversations, like "Oh Kylie, this is the last semester; this is the final show," and me changing the subject, I finally realized that after this semester, I wasn't coming back.

Driving over the Westfield Bridge, I exclaimed out loud, "This is the last first time we will be going over the bridge!"

I quickly realized that I would be doing a lot of "last firsts" that week. The last first time unpacking my room (that took four days, I might add), the last first time being in class, the last first time doing homework for the semester, and of course the last first Tommy Thursday.

It made me realize that I took a lot of things for granted over my four years. Tom Petty sums up college perfectly in a quote that I have grown to love and you should all familiarize yourselves with it:

"You have four years to be irresponsible here. Relax. Work is for people with jobs. You'll never remember class time, but you'll remember time you wasted hanging out with your friends. So, stay out late. Go out on a Tuesday with your friends when you have a paper due Wednesday. Spend money you don't have. Drink 'til sunrise. The work never ends, but college does..."

In ten years is it really going to matter if you got a B- in Intro to Psychology instead of an A-? Probably not unless you are a psychology major. But the four years you spend in college will be some of the most memorable four years of your life.

You make everlasting memories with some of your best friends you'll ever meet in your life. You find your future bridesmaids and if you're lucky, the love of your life.

So seniors, the party

might be coming to an end and the bubble might be ready to pop, but enjoy the last four months. Make a bucket list of all the things you want to do before May 17th.

Do something you've never had the guts to do, stay up until sunrise just because you can, tell someone how you really feel about them good or bad. Remember, you might never get the chance to tell them again.

Come April there will be a lot of tears. Instead of the "Last Firsts," there will be

the "lasts" in general. The last Spring Weekend, the last Senate, the last party, the last bar night, the last final...and the list goes on. Our underclassmen friends might not understand, but they'll have their time to cry.

So here's to the next four months. Before we know it, we'll be walking across that stage at the Mass Mutual Center, shaking the president's hand with a bachelor's degree completed and our whole futures ahead of us.

## New location for Dunkin'

**Alyssa Legare**  
Voice Reporter

I was back on campus for almost a week before I decided to see the new Dunkin' Donuts. Upon first glance, the new doors and lounge made it enjoyable.

I was concerned that moving the campus' favorite breakfast place made it less accessible to commuters and students in Davis and New

Hall. It would be better for the students in Lammer's and Dickinson, however I am used to getting coffee on the way to classes, and this has also gotten in my way of visiting.

Now a full-service Dunkin' is located in the Ely basement. The old half-service one was located in New Hall, across from the commuter lot and adjacent to class buildings like Wilson Hall, Parenzo, and Bates. Will you visit the Dunkin' Donuts more or less?



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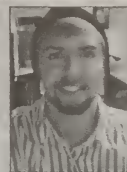




# THE DONOCHUE REPORT

*Ramblings from a Noninterventionist*

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



Welcome back boys and girls!

Can you believe it's already February?

It's hard to imagine, but the countdown to the end of my undergraduate career has begun as my final days at Westfield State are only three and half months away. Wow.

I can't believe that this is my final semester at Westfield. I'll spare you the tired clichés, but it really does seem like I was just a freshman walking into my room in Courtney Hall for the first time.

I'll save the reminiscing and waterworks for the end of the semester, but I truly hope these final few months are the slowest of my life.

A lot has happened since the end of last semester, including one of the saddest and most unfathomable tragedies of my lifetime.

There isn't much that hasn't already been said regarding the horrific Newtown massacre, but I would be remiss if I didn't add a few words.

I drove home to Middleboro on Friday, December 14 after my final class of the semester with plans to work on a take-home final that afternoon.

I made lunch and turned on the television to catch the afternoon news.

I couldn't believe what was unfolding on my TV screen. Just thinking back to that day gives me chills as I write this column now.

I sat there in utter disbelief, unable to grasp what had happened at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

It's a moment when no words can express the sadness, the shock, the heartache, the sympathy, the anger, the con-

fusion and the grief that I felt along with millions of other Americans.

I just sat there and cried, for the first time in as long as I can remember.

I was eight years old when the Columbine massacre occurred, and I don't remember when it happened at the time. Maybe my parents tried to shield me from it, or maybe I just didn't understand what had happened.

But I'll never forget what happened at Sandy Hook. I don't know if anyone ever will.

Irony is not an appropriate word to use in this situation, but just a week before the Sandy Hook massacre I wrote a column about gun control legislation following the Jovan Belcher murder-suicide.

In that column, I wrote the following: "It seems that when shooting tragedies occur, whether it was the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre, the 2012 Aurora movie theatre shooting or this past weekend's tragic murder in Kansas City, gun control issues once again reach the forefront of the American media landscape."

But after time, with foreign policy and economic issues more salient in the minds of most people, gun violence stories seem to fade away and the problems with gun regulation just disappear from most people's minds."

I don't want to spend time talking about the NRA and gun control, but if there was ever a moment for Congress and the American people to talk like adults about assault weapons, background checks, access to firearms, mental illness and the media's inappropriate con-

nections between autism and violence on a large scale (along with the failings of the modern media once again, as news outlets continue to focus more on getting the story out first and less on making sure it's accurate, a notion that seems to be getting old), this would be that time.

In October 2008, a day-long program presented by the Rachel's Challenge organization was held at my high school. The parents of Rachel Scott, the first student killed during the Columbine massacre, started the organization.

Rachel's brother, Craig Scott, who was a sophomore at Columbine High School when the shootings occurred, led the program, which was based on the morals and ethics that Rachel lived her life by.

I was scanning through the Rachel's Challenge website the other day and found a link to an article that I wrote about the program for a local newspaper.

I wrote the following in that article based on what Craig said during the program: "Rachel lived her life based on her beliefs of kindness with the main word she lived by being compassion."

In an essay that Rachel wrote about a month before her death, titled 'My Ethics, My Codes of Life,' she stated that 'compassion is the greatest form of love humans have to offer.' Rachel lived a life filled with kindness and compassion, and because of it, she's changed the world."

In Rachel Scott's diary she said, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reac-

tion of the same."

As I reflect on the horrific Newtown shooting, I hope that those 26 innocent souls who lost their lives on that Friday morning will have their memories live on.

Rachel Scott's legacy shows us that something good can come out of something so tragic and evil. I hope the memories of Charlotte Bacon, Daniel Barden, Rachel Davino, Olivia Engel, Josephine Gay, Ana Marquez-Greene, Dylan Hockley, Dawn Hochsprung, Madeline Hsu, Catherine Hubbard, Chase Kowalski, Jesse Lewis, James Mattioli, Grace McDonnell, Anne Marie Murphy, Emilie Parker, Jack Pinto, Noah Pozner, Caroline Previdi, Jessica Rekos, Avielle Richman, Lauren Russeau, Mary Sherlach, Victoria Soto, Benjamin Wheeler and Allison Wyatt will be able to impact the lives of future generations in a positive way.

There isn't much more I have to say. Those 26 angels, their families, friends and the entire community of Newtown will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

During winter break I pondered what I wanted to focus my column on for the remainder of this semester. With important issues like immigration and gay marriage sure to receive plenty of attention this spring, I'll probably spend some time talking about those topics and their impact on our (college students) future.

But I want to spend the majority of the thousand or so words I write each week talking about global stories that have a major effect on not only our country, but the entire world as well.

As I've written before, Americans often ignore international news, and the media tends to focus on domestic stories of questionable importance while overlooking major stories from across the rest of the globe.

I'd like to spend some time tackling a few of those stories and see if we can all learn a thing or two more about what's going on outside our borders.

Well that's all for this week, folks. Have a great weekend, and try to enjoy the "Harbowl."

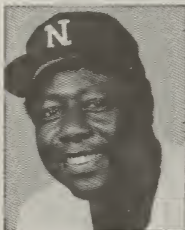
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# REFLECTIONS

## By Matthew Futterleib

### Hank Aaron – Born Feb 5, 1934



Best known as the former all-time home run champion, Henry Louis Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama. Growing up initially in a tough neighborhood, Aaron's family moved to the middle-class town of Toulminville to ensure a better childhood for their children. "Hammerin' Hank," as he would come to be known, was the star shortstop of the Central High School baseball team before dropping out in 1951 to join the Negro Leagues. After winning the leagues' championship in his first year, he was quickly recruited to join the Milwaukee Braves of Major League Baseball in 1952. The

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rest was history: Aaron proved his worth, slugging well over 150 home runs in his first five seasons and providing solid run production, culminating to a climax in 1957 as the Braves stunned the New York Yankees when Aaron captured his first and only World Series win. Hank dedicated the remainder of his career to smashing home runs, hitting 40 home runs in one season well into his thirties. Aaron made it to 713 career home runs at the age of 39 in 1973, ending the season one home run shy of tying Babe Ruth's record. Tensions were high that offseason, when Aaron received a litany of death threats from racist baseball purists. Still, he would break Babe's record the following season and engrave his name in baseball history, retiring with 755 home runs. Aaron's mark would be one of baseball's most appreciated records, up until Barry Bonds passed him with his 756th home run in 2007.



### The Super Bowl

The National Football League's (NFL) annual championship game is the most watched sporting event in the world every year, and the second biggest day for food consumption in America (next to Thanksgiving). In America, the game has become a phenomenon; few could have anticipated the magnitude of success this sport's shining moment has received since its inception. The commercialization of the game can be attributed to its triumph, as many watch the game simply to see what the game's sponsors will debut next during commercial breaks. The first Super Bowl was played on January 15, 1967, a victory for head coach Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers over

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the Kansas City Chiefs. Green Bay would win two straight championships to open the "Super Bowl era," and the Packers' coach would soon become the namesake for the winning team's trophy each year. The Pittsburgh Steelers are the franchise credited with winning the most Lombardi Trophies, six in total over the past 38 years. The San Francisco 49ers aim to tie the Steelers' mark this year against the Baltimore Ravens, with a 5-0 record so far in the Super Bowl, and the Dallas Cowboys also have claimed five Super Bowl titles. The game is also unique because its venue changes each year, with the Miami area and New Orleans (including this year) having hosted the most Super Bowl games.

### Mary Shelley – Died Feb 1, 1851

Novelist Mary Shelley was born in London, England on August 30, 1797, to quite liberal parents for their time: her father, William Godwin, was a famous thinker and political theorist and her mother, Mary Wollstonecraft, was a pioneering feminist who succumbed to perpetual fever ten days after her daughter's birth. Shelley surrounded herself with her father's inner circle of intellectuals, including Rime of the Ancient Mariner poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge. She first introduced her talents to famed poet Lord Byron in Switzerland, where she was playfully tasked to tell a horror story during a stormy night. The story she told would become the framework for her greatest work. Shelley's pinnacle feat came in 1818 with the publication of her classic horror novel, *Frankenstein*. The 21 year-old Shelley peaked early in her writing career; the premature



deaths of her children sent her into a downward spiral soon after penning her most illustrious novel, and the death of her husband in 1822 shifted her focus towards raising her remaining children. Although she continued to write professionally until her death from brain cancer, her fictional works were overlooked in the realism era, characterized by legendary writers like Charles Dickens. Still, her ability to break the gender mold in the world of fiction writing is historically relevant and marked a turning point for what was considered the archetypal novelist.

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## 'A Death In The Family' James Agee's autobiographical masterpiece

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

James Agee's *A Death In The Family* is an autobiographical tale set in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In 1915, when Agee was just a young boy, his father died in a car accident while going to visit Agee's grandfather, who had just had a heart attack.

The novel centers on

Agee himself, his newly widowed mother, Agee's younger sister, Agee's alcoholic uncle, as well as Agee's atheist grandfather.

However, *A Death In The Family* is so much more than an unfinished autobiographical novel that was posthumously published: it is a journey through grief, family relationships and tragedy.

The novel is gorgeously written, with special attention to detail as well as emotion.

It is both a detailed account of what happened to Agee (using fictional names) as well as a treatise on what families can and do experience.

With the death of her husband, Agee's mother turned even more sharply towards her Catholic faith, much to the disgust of her father and to the fear of her young children.

Agee (age 6 in the novel) is old enough to understand grief, but not its consequences,

while his sister, who is around age 4, is too young to understand why their father won't be coming home.

Meanwhile, Agee's already troubled uncle blames himself for the death; he struggles with survivors' guilt, but it is somewhat placated at the end of the novel.

The character development, descriptions, and story are top-notch, but one of the most interesting aspects of the book is the italicized sections

of the novel, written entirely in Agee's childhood perspective.

These memories are written in a stream of consciousness style: the words are liquid and drip down the page.

Plus, Agee's gorgeous vocabulary makes this novel a fiction-lover's dream.

This is my favorite book that I read over winter break, and if you are looking for something sad yet comforting, pick up James Agee's *A Death In The Family*.



## A&E Quick Info

### Top Singles

1. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis - Thrift Shop
2. Bruno Mars - Locked Out of Heaven
3. The Lumineers - Ho Hey
4. Justin Timberlake - Suit & Tie
5. Taylor Swift - I Knew You Were Trouble
6. will.i.am & Britney Spears - Scream & Shout
7. Swedish House Mafia - Don't You Worry Child
8. Rihanna - Diamonds
9. Justin Bieber - Beauty & a Beat
10. Phillip Phillips - Home

### Top Movies

1. Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters
2. Mama
3. Zero Dark Thirty
4. Silver Lining Playbook

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### Top Albums

1. A\$AP Rocky - Long. Live.A\$AP
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4. The Lumineers - The Lumineers
5. Phillip Phillips - The World From the Side of the Moon
6. Mumford & Sons - Babel
7. One Direction - Take Me Home

## Westfield State students perform at Carnegie Hall

**Catherine Dower**  
Voice Contributor

Three Westfield State University students of piano faculty member Galina Gertsenzon performed in the 2013 Crescendo International Piano Competition at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City on January 26.

Contestants from all countries auditioned to qualify to participate in the competition.

If contestants were awarded higher grades by the judicator, out of the maximum 30, they were awarded first and second place and had the opportunity to perform at the winner's recital at Carnegie Hall.

Sean Uliasz, WSU senior from Southwick with a music education concentration placed first. Lewis Pacheco of Worcester, a junior with both a music education and performance concentration, and Christina Richard of Monson, a sophomore studying general music, both placed second.

They performed in two separate programs. Richard performed Clair de Lune from Suite Bergamasque by Claude Debussy, a difficult piece re-



*photo provided by Catherine Dower*

The three WSU students chosen to perform at Carnegie Hall, from left to right: Sean Uliasz, Lewis Pacheco, and Christine Richards

quiring masterful timbre and dynamic color.

Pacheco performed Prelude in C-sharp Minor, Op. 3 no.2 by Serge Rachmaninoff, a well-known, challenging piece with full range of emotions—opening with a peaceful, distant “bell-like” to a thunderous climax.

Uliasz performed Mardi Gras, a piece by contemporary American composer Richard Danielpour.

The beauty of this piece is a challenging combination of

classical and jazz styles, difficult to execute, changing rhythms, tempos, and harmonies.

WSU instructor Gertsenzon has been a source of direction and encouragement to her piano students holding very high expectations, as does the rest of faculty in the music department.

When she suggested the competition to the three students, they all decided to enter.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for these young musicians. Carnegie

Hall is known especially for its impeccable acoustics, as one of the students remarked, “For most musicians, performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City is just a dream.”

This proves with determination, hard work and a good piano teacher, Carnegie Hall just may become more than a dream, but a reality.

The Crescendo International Piano Competition gives young musicians all over the world the chance to make this dream come true.

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**Tuesday, February 5:** 4:00p.m, SGA - State of the Campus Address

**Thursday, February 7:** 7:30p.m, Faculty Recital

**Sunday, February 10:** 3:00p.m, Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra

**Wednesday, February 13:** 5:00p.m, Voice Area Recital

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# 'Moonrise Kingdom' takes number one in top ten films of 2012

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

2012 has been an exceptional year for film, balanced between great movies from master directors and exciting debuts from up-and-comers who will hopefully be around for years to come.

Narrowing the best films of the year down to only ten is a task in itself, but here are my favorite movies of last year.

## 10. The Master

After seeing *The Master* I had to take a minute before I could stand up. I was left in awe, moved in a way that I still can't say exactly how. That's the power of Paul Thomas Anderson's latest film.

A hypnotic story of a traumatized World War II veteran (Joaquin Phoenix) who finds a home in a strange cult run by the charismatic Lancaster Dodd (Philip Seymour Hoffman).

There's an otherworldly quality to *The Master*; it's a film that feels as though it flows from scene to scene rather than cutting.

In a year ripe with amazing performances, Hoffman and Phoenix deliver some of their career bests.

## 9. Holy Motors

Easily the weirdest film on this list, it's impossible to fully describe *Holy Motors* in a single paragraph. Denis Lavant plays Mr. Oscar, a man who travels all day in the back of a limousine from appointment to appointment. However, Mr. Oscar seems to be some sort of actor, taking on a different role at each "appointment."

Lavant has been robbed of award nominations, turning in a performance that is only rivaled this year by Daniel Day-Lewis in *Lincoln*. Each role he takes on is radically different, switching from hitman to scorned lover to rabid maniac at the drop of a hat. It's a stunning and bizarre

film that needs to be seen to be believed.

## 8. Bernie

Bernie is perhaps the first time I've ever forgotten I was watching Jack Black and truly believed he was his character. Directed by Richard Linklater (*Dazed and Confused*), Bernie is a true-crime comedy about altruistic Texan mortician Bernie Tiede who in 1996 murdered his widowed friend, 81-year-old Marjorie Nugent (Shirley Maclaine).

Done in a quasi-documentary style, cutting between interviews with actual townsfolk who knew the real people, and reenactments featuring Black and MacLaine, Bernie explores a very complicated case where despite his confession, nobody wanted to see this man put away.

## 7. Amour

Michael Haneke's drama about love and aging is a harrowing experience. Emmanuelle Riva plays a stroke victim whose condition is worsening by the day, and must be cared for by her loyal husband.

Haneke captures the physical and emotional trauma of dying like few others have. Riva's character is a former piano teacher, and as the film goes on, music becomes more and more sparse. When the end credits rolled over complete silence, I was left feeling like my heart had been torn out.

## 6. Lincoln

As I mentioned before, Daniel Day-Lewis delivers not only an amazing performance but perhaps his greatest to date.

Abraham Lincoln has been played by hundreds of actors, but rarely has he seemed so authentic. Add this to a brilliant script by Tony Kushner, an excellent supporting cast, and spot-on direction. Lincoln may just be one of Spielberg's greatest achievements.

5. *Beasts of the Southern Wild*



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*Moonrise Kingdom* ranked number one for the year for this critic.

What makes *Beasts of the Southern Wild* stand out so much in my mind is that it feels mythic. Set in a fictional area of the Louisiana bayou known as "The Bathtub," *Beasts* is told from the point of view of five-year-old Hushpuppy (Quvenzhané Wallis).

Her narration adds a child's imagination, giving what could be a rather grim film a wonderful innocence and majesty. As her story goes on it feels more and more like a legend. It's all punctuated by an outstanding score and beautiful cinematography.

## 4. The Grey

A movie's release date can make or break its recognition, and had *The Grey* come out eleven months later in December rather than January it would probably be in the running for numerous Oscars right now. Instead this somber meditation on death was falsely advertised as a Liam Neeson action vehicle à la *Taken* and swept under the rug.

There is very little action in *The Grey*. However, it's visually magnificent and philosophically challenging. The wolves aren't monsters so much as they are grim reapers, collecting the souls of the surviving members of a plane wreck one by one.

I loved everything about this film from the performances

to the oppressive atmosphere to its powerful affection for humanity and its acceptance of mortality.

## 3. Django Unchained

In his review for *Esquire*, Stephen Marche claimed that "*Django Unchained* is a better movie about slavery than *Lincoln*." I'm inclined to agree. It dares to show the raw horror of what used to be commonplace in America.

Whereas many films about slavery will skirt around its true brutality, *Django Unchained* tackles it head on – blood and all. And while it is often cringe-worthy in its violence, it doesn't let that get in the way of also being an enjoyable and often hilarious western. It manages to simultaneously be respectful, relentless, and fun.

## 2. The Invisible War

It feels weird, wrong even, to put this film on a list full of indie comedies and Hollywood dramas, but I can't overlook it.

*The Invisible War* may just be the most important documentary to come out in years, and hopefully one that will have the policy changing impact of a film like *The Thin Blue Line*.

The doc explores the persistent issue of rape within the U.S. military – American soldiers, both women and men, being assaulted by other American soldiers.

It is a soul-crushing exploration of personal tragedies and horrifying systemic failure. Statistics appear throughout, sourced from government research, such as "33% of servicewomen didn't report their rape because the person to report to was a friend of the rapist. 25% of servicewomen didn't report their rape because the person to report to was the rapist." I'm not even sure what to say about this. I don't quite have the words.

## 1. Moonrise Kingdom

*Beasts of the Southern Wild* captures childhood imagination, but Wes Anderson's *Moonrise Kingdom* perfectly encapsulates the reality of being a kid. Every piece of this movie comes together to create Anderson's best film since *The Life Aquatic*.

The cinematography has the feel of a photo from the sixties with faded yet vibrant colors. The New England island setting is perfected to the point that you can almost smell the ocean.

The script is hilarious, the acting is great, and Harvey Keitel wears short-shorts. I want to see it again more than any other film on this list.

Honorable Mentions: *Headhunters*, *Argo*, *The Comedy*, *Prometheus*, *ParaNorman*, *Robot & Frank*, *Wreck-It Ralph*, *Zero Dark Thirty*.



# Album reviews: Movits! and Jonas Friddle come out on top

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

Movits!: Out of My Head  
I'll start out by just saying that this is one of the most fun albums I've listened to in a long time.

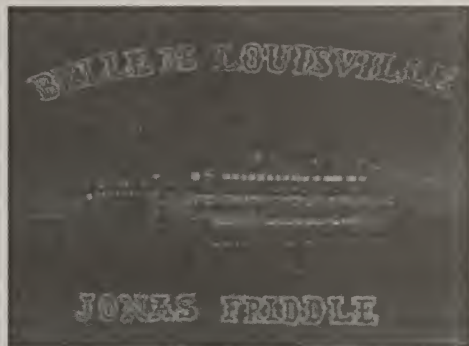
The Swedish hip-hop-swing combination just works, and it makes for an amazing listen all of the way through. The rapping on the album is phenomenally skilled; I have absolutely no idea what they're talking about, but the flow is exceptional.

Perhaps it's even a good thing its mostly in Swedish, because that way you can just enjoy the music that much more, because it makes you want to dance. I would recommend starting with the tracks "Sammy Davis Jr." or "Na Na Nah!" although you can't pick a bad track here. Highly Recommended.

Last One Out: Lover's Trance

This is pop-rock that is above average, and not much more. The first half of the EP is way above average, however, and is undeniably catchy and clever at points.

The second half of the album, however, is not so fortunate, and at times even steps into lackluster emo-music



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The two highly recommended albums from this critic, Movits!: Out of My Head (top) and Jonas Friddle's Belle de Louisville, are a must listen.

territory.

The vocals are sufficient, though, and the music generally has a good sense of structure to it. If you're interested, check out the tracks "Something I'm Into" and/or "Utopia for Two."

Frankie Rose: Interstellar

This album is certainly interesting to listen to, with relatively simple songs driven by atmospheric effects and vocal filters.

Synths also make a heavy appearance, but they never get out of control, to the album's benefit.

Unfortunately, the songs, are okay to listen to, but aren't

anything spectacular, leading the album to sound like the same thing done over and over in different tempos.

The fact that nothing really stood out says the most about this album. Those wishing to understand the lyrics will be at a loss, because while there are lyrics, I'm personally hard-pressed to figure them out. It would make for some decent background noise in most respects.

Ben Howard: The Old Pine E.P.

This EP is a good short listen for those wanting something more relaxed, but still

powerful.

The sounds of the acoustic guitar and his voice mix well, and I never got sick of the EP's instrumentals either.

His voice also comes across as unique enough to be memorable, and he knows how to use phrasing to give the lyrics (which are quite good) some extra punch.

There is also unique quality that makes it stand out from the endless amount of similar artists. A good bet if you want some light acoustic rock.

Jonas Fiddle and The Majority: Belle De Louisville  
This is a real country/folk

album, complete with banjo, plenty of twang in the vocals, and other things you would typically expect.

That being said, this album didn't sound like a cliché or a novelty. On the contrary, I found that I enjoyed the album despite not usually listening to country.

It was generally a high quality recording and featured skilled playing throughout.

The album did seem to lose a bit of steam near the end for me, but the first half of the album made up for it. Highly recommended for traditional country fans.

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# 'Jersey Shore' replacement shows: Did MTV hit or miss?

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Whether we like to admit or not, there is no denying the fact that Jersey Shore was a bona fide hit when it first premiered. The first season's ratings for the show were the highest MTV had in years and cemented reality television in popular culture.

However, after six seasons and low ratings MTV decided to end Jersey Shore. Trying to regain the magic of The Shore and its fans, MTV this month premiered two shows that try to attract the Shore's audience, "Buckwild" and "Washington Heights."

"Buckwild," which is set in West Virginia, is a mixture of "Jackass" and "Jersey Shore." There are bunch of crazy young kids who are living it up. Which in essence means some drunken kids doing stupid tricks that could result in injury.

The show possesses many

of the same qualities of "Jersey Shore," with its interview style and scenes that are more production driven than the kid's ideas themselves.

The show, while stupid, will be entertaining to those who enjoyed "Shore" because the story lines and relationship plots are similar.

However, instead of seeing a bunch of "meatballs" and juice heads, you have hollering garbage man Shane.

Instead of partying at Karma, you get the kids shooting potato guns. That is exactly the behavior that people see and laugh at because it is funny, but in reality it is not original.

The other show is "Washington Heights," a show that is a throwback to "MTV's True Life," is different from "Jersey Shore."

Sure, there are girl fights and relationship drama, but this show just seems more realistic. It is more like a documentary drama than reality TV.

Unlike "Buckwild," only one person (JP) narrates and

leads the story. These kids do not swear (much), they respect their elders, work at accomplishing their dreams, and viewers want to see them succeed.

Whether it is one of the characters getting his GED, another trying to have a baseball career while his father is residing in jail, or struggles paying rent, the stories are more realistic to viewers.

Though, it should be pointed out that this is the first time that I can remember that MTV created a show that is mostly made up of Dominican and Black characters.

The show mostly respects the community of Washington Heights, while "Buckwild" trashes it.

Even though in reality "Washington Heights" is a better show with better characters, it is pretty obvious which show stands the greater chance of success.

That show would be "Buckwild," which is in large part because it is the show that has replaced "Jersey Shore."



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## Editor's Desk



This is the first time Samantha and Alex have let me do an Editor's Desk - LOVE YOU GUYS! But I had big news that needed to be shared.

Over Winter Break I submitted a video to E! News explaining why I should win "The Bachelor Bag." The Bachelor Bag is the same bag of goodies that the girls entering the Bachelor mansion get, totaling \$2900. So I submitted the video last minute never thinking I was going to win. But the next day I got an email from the producer at E! News and guess what!? I WON!

That following Monday, the video I submitted of my two little sisters doing a cheer of why we should win was shown and then Guiliana Rancic herself said not only my name but where I went to school. Yes, Westfield State University was featured on E! News! And so, there's my 15 seconds of fame.

No Regrets: Just Love,  
Kylie

## HIMYM:

Ending series run in ninth season

### Associated Press

CBS says the big reveal is coming for "How I Met Your Mother."

The network said Wednesday the sitcom will air its ninth and final season next fall.

And CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler promised that TV's "most mysterious mother" will be unveiled as the show wraps up.

That would be the mystery woman with whom Ted, played by Josh Radnor, ultimately has a family.

The sitcom's cast also includes Neil Patrick Harris, Cobie Smulders, Jason Segel and

Alyson Hannigan.

20th Century Fox Television says all the actors will return for the 2013-14 season.

Are you upset that "How I Met Your Mother" is ending? Express your frustration in a letter to the editor!

We can't change the show, but we can feature you in The Voice!

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# Westfield men's basketball beats Salem in key MASCAC win

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

Senior Matt Devine had a near triple-double with 23 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks that carried Westfield State to a 70-65 victory over Salem State on Saturday, January 26.

With the win, Westfield improved to 15-4 on the season (5-2 MASCAC, as of January 28), taking sole possession of second place in the MASCAC. Salem dropped to 12-7 (4-3 MASCAC).

Westfield controlled play through the first 15 minutes of the opening half, jumping out to a 28-8 lead.

Following a timeout, Salem, led by senior guard Tavone Wynder (15 points, five rebounds), caught fire from behind the arc and was able to

cut the Westfield lead to single digits by halftime, 34-25.

Westfield regained control to start the second half, jumping out to a 15-point lead, but Salem would not go away.

The lead never got smaller than seven, until Salem, trailing 68-57 with three minutes to play, made it a three-point game behind some stellar shooting and increased defensive intensity.

In the final minute, leading 68-65, Westfield almost shot themselves out of the game from the foul line. Grant Cooper (15 points, four assists) missed the front end of a one-and-one and then Devine, after being fouled following a defensive rebound at the other end, also missed the front end of a one-and-one.

On the following possession Jordan Santiago (eight points, six steals) came up with a huge steal with eight seconds to play and was able to get the



*photo by Nick Villante*

Senior Matt Devine had a near triple-double in Westfield's win over Salem State.

ball to Lee Vazquez (17 points, six assists) who was fouled and hit both free throws to seal the win.

The Westfield defense did an excellent job all afternoon, holding Salem to 38 percent

shooting from the floor and keeping them well below their season average of 80 points per game.

They were also able to shut down top guard Bryan Ortiz (12 points), forcing him into

six turnovers.

Westfield shot 54 percent from the floor, despite shooting 1-13 from behind the arc.

Westfield returns home to face Bridgewater State on Saturday, February 2 at 3:00 p.m.

## Women's basketball beats Worcester

*WSU Athletic Department*

Freshman Keri Doldorian paced a balanced scoring attack with 12 points and six rebounds to help lead Westfield State to a 56-41 victory over Worcester State in MASCAC women's basketball action Tuesday, January 29.

Sophomore Gabby Felix also helped propel the Owls to their fifth straight win with 10 points and senior Briana Kelly chipped in with eight points and five boards.

Sophomore Jen Ashton had solid all-around contributions with six points, four cars, three assists and a game-best five steals.

Worcester State junior Meaghan Burns finished with a game-high 15 points to go with five rebounds, while senior Kara Rogers added 12 points,

three assists and three steals.

Senior standout Meaghan O'Keefe grabbed seven boards and finished with only six points in the setback for the hosts.

Westfield State (14-7, 6-2 MASCAC) took a commanding 22-5 lead with 6:49 left in the opening stanza before the Lancers closed the frame with a 9-1 run to trail 23-14 at the intermission on a trey by Rogers.

In the second half, Worcester State (10-11, 6-2 MASCAC) clawed its way back into the contest as they used a traditional three-point play by Burns at the 15:21 mark (25-21).

With the Owls maintaining the slim 34-29 lead with 8:54 on the clock, the visitors took advantage of a pair of miscues and a cold-shooting stretch by the Lancers to open up a 46-32 margin with 5:04 left.

Westfield State used a

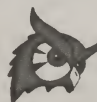
5-for-7 effort at the charity stripe and was keyed by consecutive threes by Kelly and Doldorian in their 14-3 surge.

The Owls continued to build on their lead and maintained double-digits for the rest of the contest as they moved into a second-place tie with the Lancers in the MASCAC.

Westfield State shot 35 percent from the field (19-for-54) and controlled the backboards (45-37) and the offensive glass (19-17). The Owls bench also dominated the paint (28-10) and the bench outscored their counterparts (27-5).

The Lancers did not shoot well from the field (22 percent, 11-for-50) and only drained three of their 15 shots from downtown.

The Owls continue MASCAC play and face first place Bridgewater State at home on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.



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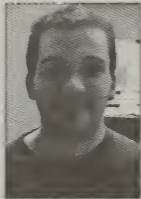
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# Voice reporter catches up on a month's worth of sports news

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter



Well that was a nice break, wasn't it?

The holiday break is a nice month off from school to sit around, watch sports, hang with friends and do whatever. But now we're back, and while we were all gone some big stories occurred in the world of sports.

So in case you missed any of these stories while you were gone, or just want a recap, allow me to be your tour guide as we do a quick breakdown of each of the big sports stories from each sport.

Let us start with the news that most New Englanders were happy about, the return of the NHL.

Now I am not the most knowledgeable guy on hockey, but I do have an opinion on the return of the NHL. On January 6, the NHL and the players union reached an agreement on a new 10-year collective bargaining agreement, thus putting an end to the work stoppage that lasted 113 long days.

Now that is great and all, and it's great to see the players back, but one of the main things about the NHL coming back that aggravated me is that the league refused to make their pay per view channel, NHL Center Ice, which allows you to watch any out of market games, free for the shortened season.

Wouldn't it be smart for the NHL to do something nice for the fans that they hurt during

the lockout? Instead they will give a small discount (yippee!) but that is it - a total slap in the face to fans.

Lance Armstrong admitted that he used steroids during his seven Tour De France titles in an interview with Oprah Winfrey on January 17.

The disgraced cycling star, who created the Livestrong Foundation for cancer research, had consistently denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs and ruined many people's lives in the process.

However, I will say this. Lance did beat cancer, and the money that went to the Livestrong Foundation is something that will help many lives and that cannot be discredited.

Speaking of steroids, let's head over to baseball, a sport and a Hall of Fame tarnished by steroids, where it was announced that not a single candidate garnered the required votes in order to be elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Candidates like Barry Bonds, who has the most career home runs, Roger Clemens, one of the best pitchers to ever play baseball, Sammy Sosa and former Red Sox Curt Schilling were all denied.

It definitely was a sad day for baseball, and it will be even sadder when in the summer there will not be a living person inducted into the Hall of Fame.

But let's face it, most baseball writers (the people who decide who goes in the Hall of Fame) are stubborn individuals and this group includes some members who haven't even been involved in the game in the last 10 years.

Fortunately for baseball fans, next year there will definitely be players inducted into the Hall, most likely former Braves pitchers Greg Maddox and Tom Glavine.

Who knows when guys like Barry Bonds and Clemens will get in though.



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From left to right, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa were all denied entry to the Baseball Hall of Fame this year.

Two big stories occurred while we were gone in college football. First, my colleague Joey Cooper correctly predicted that Alabama would beat Notre Dame in the National Championship game, in which Alabama outplayed Notre Dame from the opening play of the game and dominated the line of scrimmage with its stellar offensive line play.

However, that was not the only big story that came out during break. Of course, there was the Manti Te'o fake girlfriend story. When that story broke on Deadspin.com on January 16, the story was immediately all over Twitter.

Te'o, a linebacker at Notre Dame and emotional leader of the team, suffered the loss of his grandmother during the season and his "girlfriend" also supposedly died the same day. But a man named Roniah Tuiaasopopo "Catfished" Te'o and pretended to be his girlfriend.

Personally, I think that Te'o was hoaxed originally and then later found out about it and did not want to tell anyone to

save himself from the embarrassment of the whole thing. Regardless, this is a crazy story and one that is still ongoing.

Meanwhile for Te'o, this incident should not affect his draft status, as he should go in the first round of April's NFL Draft.

Speaking of the NFL, next Sunday is the Super Bowl and did you know that the coaches of the two teams playing are brothers? I know, crazy news, because it has not been talked about at all on all the networks.

Yes, the Ravens and the 49ers face off for the chance to win the Lombardi Trophy.

The Ravens are coming off a victory over the Patriots, and have been playing amazing football over the last couple of weeks.

Their defense, led by Ray Lewis (who is retiring at the end of the game), has been very good at stopping the run.

The 49ers on the other hand come into this game after narrowly defeating the Falcons.

Their quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, leads this young

team, which has benefited from great offensive line play and the emergence of receiver Michael Crabtree.

Special teams will decide this game in my opinion. The 49ers have no confidence in their kicker, David Akers, while the Ravens have a good return man in Jacoby Jones.

My prediction is Ravens 24, 49ers 21.

Finally, the big news out of the NBA is the injury to Rajon Rondo of the Boston Celtics who tore his ACL on January 25.

The injury is crippling to the Celtics as the team was struggling before and it's now looking more likely that they will be heading to the NBA Draft Lottery than the playoffs.

It will be interesting in the next couple of days to see if their General Manager, Danny Ainge, will make any trades to secure some younger assets or draft picks for this old team.

Don't be surprised if Kevin Garnett or maybe Paul Pierce is traded before the February 21 trading deadline.



# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



For the second consecutive season I am going to bypass the repetitive and over-used opinion piece on what I think will happen this Sunday in the Super Bowl.

Instead, I want to point out aspects of this unique matchup, featuring two relatively unlikely opponents, that we will all huddle around our television sets to watch.

In the modern age of the NFL, statistics and common observations of the game have produced trends foreshadowing the makings of a Super Bowl matchup. Recent memory indicates streaking teams heading into postseason play have been exceptionally successful throughout the playoffs.

The rise of the quarterback in the past decade has put teams with a so-called "elite" passer at a distinct advantage regardless of the remaining 52 players on a roster.

Baltimore's Joe Flacco and San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick are widely thought of as good to upper-echelon quarterbacks by writers, analysts and football fans alike.

Not only does almost every Super Bowl contain a Pro Bowl quarterback, more often than not both teams have Pro Bowl talent at QB. Super Bowl XLVII will not feature such a player on either team.

The Baltimore Ravens and the San Francisco 49ers resemble that of an old school style of play, winning games at the line of scrimmage and on the defensive side of the ball.

Both teams lay claim to a base 3-4 defense, with veteran guys who have been playing together for a number

of years.

Following a loss in Washington during Week 14, the Ravens released their Offensive Coordinator, Cam Cameron, who served in the position since 2008.

Precarious moves such as these point to dysfunction, which presumably fails to result in wins. Occurring so late in the regular season, it looked as if the Ravens were in trouble with Jim Caldwell stepping in at such a late juncture in the year.

The AFC Champions entered the first round coming off losing four of their last five contests.

During the course of this skid the Ravens lost the ability to run the football and were temporarily without a reliable and effective attack through the air.

Despite their flaws towards the end of their 16 game schedule, John Harbaugh's group somehow went into both Denver and New England winning, bringing back the Lamar Hunt trophy to Baltimore for the first time since 2001.

In a surprisingly close game, the 49ers found themselves in the second weekend of November down at halftime to the St. Louis Rams (3-5) with their starting quarterback sidelined with a concussion.

Second-year head coach Jim Harbaugh turned to second string scrambler from Nevada, Colin Kaepernick, to finish what would result in a 24-24 tie.

Eventually, starter Alex Smith would be cleared for play, but he learned that Harbaugh would stick with the second year former pistol

quarterback. With a stroke of arrogance and intellect, it seemed as if Harbaugh was pulling the rug out from Smith, who looked like he lost his job solely based on becoming concussed.

Smith's demotion came with skepticism as he led the league with a completion percentage over 70.

Such discussions remained valid as teams making quarterback changes after Week 10 do not traditionally have success late in the season.

Looking back at Kaepernick's resume to this point,

he has high scoring wins over New Orleans, New England and Green Bay.

With every snap, Kaepernick is making Harbaugh look like the inventive mind he was perceived as before entering the professional level when executives were clamoring at the idea of hiring him.

The older generation of football fans will come to appreciate the Super Bowl matchup we see before us Sunday, with two bruising running backs and stellar offensive line play.

At the same time, perhaps the biggest gap between

these two teams lies within the necessity to win this year. With retiring Ray Lewis and expiring contracts of Paul Kruger and Ed Reed, the Ravens window for winning a Super Bowl may be shrinking significantly.

The 49ers are built to compete for this special weekend for the next four to five years at least, with a number of relatively young star players safely under contract.

This Sunday the two Harbaugh brothers will face off against one another in what will forever be distinguished as "The Harbaugh Bowl."



## Upcoming WSU Home Games



### Saturday, February 2

Women's Basketball vs. Bridgewater State @ 1:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Bridgewater State @ 3:00 p.m.

### Thursday, February 7

Men's Basketball vs. Western Connecticut @ 7:00 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Framingham State @ 7:35 p.m.

### Saturday, February 9

Men's Ice Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth @ 5:35 p.m.

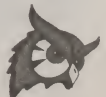
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## Aquarius

**(January 21 – February 19)**  
You will find yourself in possession of new information that you may use for good or evil, and only you will ever know. Try not to succumb to the dark side and instead be benevolent force for humanity.

## Pisces

**(Feb. 20 – March 20)**  
Are you feeling unworthy about the state of your life? This week you may come into contact with something that send you into a spiral of guilt, but you shouldn't feel that way. Instead, face any troubles head on.

## Aries

**(March 21 – April 20)**  
Your contemplation and thoughts this week will involve your career a lot. There are always major forks in the road ahead of you, so don't think that this time spent thinking is a waste. There is always a value in going over these decisions.

## Taurus

**(April 21 – May 21)**  
This week you must take the reins over your own life and drive yourself toward wherever you want to go. The stars say you need to start driving stick shift; automatic won't do it anymore.

## Gemini

**(May 22 – June 21)**  
There's never been much hope that you won't succeed, so why don't you use this upcoming week to strive forward even more than you usually do. You will not regret your effort in the long run, and you will get an extraordinary return on your investment.

## Cancer

**(June 22 – July 22)**  
There is a star setting in your life, but know that as some stars fade away others will enter your horizon, and that even though this new star won't be as bright, you should still accept the hand that fate deals you.

## Leo

**(July 23 – August 23)**  
Your pet, your dog if you have one, will try to tell you something. Trust the instincts of your animals, as many times they know you better than you know yourself or even your significant other knows you.

## Virgo

**(August 24 – September 22)**  
Your financial woes may soon be behind you, as some risky opportunities you may have noticed earlier and dismissed will start to look more attractive. The stars advise you to take these risks, you can afford them.

## Libra

**(September 23 – October 22)**  
Your year is still ahead of you, and while you probably have given up on your resolution already, that doesn't mean you should give up on the spirit of the New Year. Instead of losing fifty pounds, try and lose five instead.

## Scorpio

**(October 23 – November 21)**  
You may feel as though you are just a small cog in a very large machine and that you aren't important. Yet this week your small part in the world will be more important than ever.

## Sagittarius

**(November 22 – December 21)**  
This is your week for love. Don't limit yourself to your usual qualifications, try something new and take the plunge into uncharted waters. You just might find your special fish in the sea in them.

## Capricorn

**(December 21 – January 20)**  
Your boredom may start to overwhelm you this week, and that may be because your life is in fact too boring for you. Instead of going out and making rash and foolish decisions, why not go and have a family friendly adventure with friends instead?



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# Annual State of the Campus Address

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# The Westfield Voice

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## SGA president delivers second annual State of the Campus

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

Student Trustee Stone Koury introduced Student Government Association President Stephanie Close as someone who has "worked tirelessly" over the past year.

Close, a senior from Peabody, MA, delivered the second annual State of the Campus Address Tuesday, February 5th at 4:00pm on the Dever Stage.

The State of the Campus address was instated by former SGA president Lou Cimaglia and the Executive Council last year in an effort to connect SGA with the Westfield State community.

Close began her speech from "a student's point of view," admiring all of the accomplishments Westfield has made in the last year. Taking a sentence from the mission statement, Close assured students that "Westfield's actions are meeting our mission."

She then began to talk about all the renovations and expansions made across campus all of which wouldn't be possible without student opinion.

"I have come to realize something special about Westfield," she said. "When students speak on this campus, they are

heard and they are recognized."

In chronological order, she named off all of the projects that have been completed starting with the expansion of the Dining Commons in the fall of 2011, the newly renovated Wellness Center that was completed last fall, and the new campus center that was completed right before the beginning of spring semester.

The theme throughout Close's speech seemed to be about student voice. Because without the opinions of the students, she assured, none of these projects would have become reality.

For example, one of the biggest expansion projects currently on campus is the building of the new residence hall, University Hall.

In the original plan, University Hall was supposed to sit right on The Green, in front of Lammers Hall. But because of students coming forward and expressing their concerns, University Hall is now being constructed in between Ely and Lammers.

Close then addressed one of the biggest changes to be enforced on the Westfield State campus: the decision to go tobacco-free. When the campus went tobacco-free at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, students, faculty and staff

were forced to enjoy their cigarettes in the only place that allowed them to do so, on the sidewalk on Western Avenue.

After listening to concerns from members of the community, President Dobelle came up with a solution. Now, two gazebos have been built on campus so that students who choose to smoke can do so without having to walk out to Western Ave. The two gazebos are located in the corner of the commuter parking lot near New Hall and behind the campus center near the Dickinson parking lot.

Close spoke about the addition of the new Momba vending machines on campus. The Momba machines provide students with basic necessities for college life. In the machines there are several items including undershirts, Fabreeze, tampons, etc.

There are three machines on campus, in Davis, Dickinson, and Scanlon. All machines are in easily accessible locations, where a student does not need to live in that specific residence hall.

Westfield is the second education institution to install the Momba machines on their campuses. The first institution was Harvard University. 10% of all proceeds from the Momba machines are donated back to Westfield's financial aid pro-

gram. For more on the Momba machines, see the article on page 4.

Close then brought up a new program that was founded by Alumni Relations' Kathi Bradford and Nanci Salvadio. The Lifetime Owls program is an opt-in, one-time fee placed on your student bill. The programs offer many perks including discounts on j-terms, scholarship drawing, special alumni events and more.

Just like in Cimaglia's address last year, Close addressed a common annoyance voiced by students. The situation on parking has improved since last year, she stressed. There are now two shuttles, PVTA's Owl Express that runs until 3pm Monday through Friday, and a continuous shuttle to and from South Lot.

"Although this is not an ideal situation, we have it a lot better than most other campuses," Close said.

She then spoke about the great opportunities that Westfield offers its students. Students have the opportunity to travel to 40 different countries for study abroad and there are many short-term travel courses available. Students can also take advantage of the Disney College Program and the Washington Center, two programs that are very popular among students.

SGA has allocated \$20,000 for a supplemental travel fund, Close said. This money will go to students who wish to travel to academic conferences throughout the year. The funds for the remainder of this year have all been allocated. SGA was able to help 116 students attend academic conferences of their choosing.

Close recognized that although SGA has accomplished a lot this year, there are still challenges that need to be met. The biggest challenge Westfield faces as a community is diversity, she said.

"We pride ourselves with having a community feel here at Westfield and I strongly agree with that," she said. "But when I have students who don't always feel welcome, or students who are afraid of what might happen if they start a religious group, I rethink our community."

Close ended her speech with a statement she found when traveling on a service-learning course to San Francisco. The statement borrowed from the Glide Memorial Church read: "The Ground We Stand On: Radically Inclusive, Truth Telling, Loving and Hopeful, For the People, Celebration."

Of that, Close said, "I believe this is the ground Westfield stands on. But we need everyone to make it a reality."

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# Quick Hits

## Friday, February 8

8:00p.m.  
Stuff a Plush  
*Owls Nest, Ely Hall*

## Saturday, February 9

3:00p.m.  
Yoga for relaxation  
*Davis Commons*

5:30p.m.  
Ice Hockey vs. UMASS  
Dartmouth  
*Amelia Ice Arena*

8:00p.m.  
Open mic night  
*Owls Nest, Ely Hall*

## Sunday, February 10

3:00p.m.  
Springfield Symphony  
Youth Orchestra  
*Dever Stage*

6:00p.m.  
Celtics vs. Denver  
*Owls Nest, Ely Hall*

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# SGA rededicates room to Peter Mazza

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

Tuesday night the Student Government Association rededicated its chamber to former Westfield State University Vice President Peter D. Mazza.

Now officially called the "Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room," the reception was held in space that was part of the larger renovations to the Ely Campus Center that finished before this semester.

Part of a series of SGA events planned for Tuesday, the re-dedication was well attended by the current SGA senators, past SGA presidents, University administration past and present, local politicians, and anybody who wanted to catch a glimpse of the event.

The event started with WSU president Evan Dobelle, who offered some remarks about the importance that SGA plays in the Westfield State ecosystem.

State Representative Don Humason, Westfield State alum, spoke next. He said, "My first office was being a Commuter Council Rep here at Westfield State. The first election I won and the first election I lost was here. And it's good because even the losses can teach how to do it better the next time," Humason said.

After Humason, SGA Administrative Assistant Barbara Hand introduced former SGA Presidents who were in attendance. They were invited to speak about their time on the SGA and about what they learned from their experience.

Lou Cimaglia, the most recent former SGA President, remarked on the transformation of the space.

"Forgive my use of a cliché, but the more things change, the more they stay the same. This space has changed and expanded but the importance of



*photo by Alexis Wagner*

Current SGA President Stephanie Close (left) and former SGA president Alison Leary Connolly (right) with Peter Mazza after the rededication.

what happens here and the support from the administration is ever present," he said.

Immediately following the former SGA presidents, Barry Maloney, current president of Worcester State University and former Vice President of Student Affairs and interim college president at Westfield State University, spoke about his relationship and friendship with Mazza.

"Peter hired me in 1991 and everything I do today in my professional career was influenced by Peter," he said.

Introducing Mazza was Alison Leary Connolly, SGA President from 1998 to 1999 and who previously dedicated the SGA chamber to Mazza. She spoke of the importance of the space and what it meant to her to be able to participate in the rededication events.

Then, current SGA President Stephanie Close presented Mazza with a plaque commemorating the event.

Mazza then gave heartfelt remarks regarding the dedication.

He talked about his lack

of involvement after his retirement from Westfield. His love for the SGA, once called the Student Senate, was definitely a point not missed during his remarks.

"The beauty of the Student Government Association is that it is the only open forum where students can debate and ask questions," he said, "This is representative of our representative democracy and the First Amendment to our Constitution."

He received a standing ovation from all of the attendees, and after closing remarks from Close and a brief ten-minute intermission, the regularly scheduled, open forum meeting of the Westfield State University Student Government Association started.

Mazza certainly did not skip out on the opportunity to listen in on the meetings he so loved to attend during his tenure.

"If it's Tuesday, and if it's 5:30, I know and everybody else knows the Student Government Association meeting is being called to order."

## Coffey Break

with Georgina Boakyewah

*by Kylie Coffey*



Major: Political Science  
Hometown: Worcester, MA

*1. If money was no object, what would you do with the rest of your life?*

I'd be driving around in a Range Rover, wearing Christian Louboutin on my feet and designer clothes on my body.

*2. Who is your favorite professor and why?*  
Dave Smailes. He's fun.

*3. If you could eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?*  
Shrimp. It doesn't have gluten.

*4. If you could sum up your four years at Westfield in one word, what would it be?*  
Belligerent.

*5. What's your nickname? How did you get it?*  
Sexy. Just look at me, honey.

*6. Tell me something not many people know about you.*  
A lot of people don't know that I'm shy.

*7. What did you do last weekend?*  
I do not remember Thursday., but I went to the bar Saturday and I just chilled on Sunday.

*8. Who is your favorite Kardashian and why?*  
Khloe because she has no filter, just like me!

*If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

## Student input helps upgrade Momba machines

**Samantha Fahey**  
Editor-in-Chief

Mom is at it again.

The Momba vending machines around campus have just received a new feature.

Think "golden ticket" from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

In our case, the golden tickets are \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift cards hidden in random items inside the Momba machine, while supplies last.

Students won't know if they've received a gift card until they open the package they have purchased.

Just another gift from dear old Mom.

Since the article printed in Nov. 30, 2012's edition of "The Westfield Voice," the Momba creators have made a handful of notable changes.

On Momba's Facebook page, [facebook.com/MombaMe](https://www.facebook.com/MombaMe), they have installed a "WSU Hub," a page designed specifically for Westfield.

There, you can find a map showing where the three Momba machines are located on campus, leave feedback, and even read the RSS feed for "The Westfield Voice."

"I really just want to make the hubs as useful as possible, and what better, I thought, than to include weekly news from WSU's weekly paper," said Momba creator Steven Duque.

Because of feedback Momba has received from students on campus, mainly

### Recent Posts By Others



**Sara Hammick**

So I bought a pair of leggings from a Momba machine and it came with a surprise Dunkin' Donut's gift card! Thank you!!

Unlike · Comment Friday at 1:34pm near Westfield, MA

~ Momba, Heather Lapham Duque and Steven Duque like this.



Momba I'm so happy you found the gift (just dropped off yesterday). Sara! It's just a small thank you from me and the Momba team to you and the students of WSU for all of the support! If you like what we're doing, please spread the good word with your friends and classmates! Thanks, and I hope you'll come back and visit soon!

~ Love, Momba

Friday at 2:36pm · Like



Sara Hammick I definitely will! Momba is great!!

Friday at 3:32pm · Unlike · ♥ 1



Momba Thanks so much, Sara! That really means a lot to me and my team. We're working hard to continue improving our Momba machines, products and service to you and others at WSU! Thanks again for posting the nice note—as a Momba, it's always nice to hear appreciation!

~ xoxoMomba

Friday at 3:48pm · Like



Elaine Hammick you are a winner like your mom!

Friday at 10:05pm · Unlike · ♥ 2



Sara Hammick Yeah I got 2 free gifts!!

Friday at 10:20pm via mobile · Unlike · ♥ 1



Momba Aw, it's sweet to see a real-life mom (I admit my limitations) and daughter interact — and love each other — on the Momba Facebook page! Here's to you two!

~ xoxoMomba

Friday at 10:38pm · Like · ♥ 1



Write a comment...

through the Momba-WSU student survey administered through the Facebook hub, they have lowered the prices by over 20 percent.

"They listened to public opinion so they'll probably get more customers," said WSU student Chris Leopardi.

In addition to the hidden Dunkin' Donuts gift cards, other products have been added recently, including clothing to help keep you warm, over-the-counter medicines for colds and flus, and larger sizes of toiletries.

"I wish there was one in New Hall," said WSU senior Christopher Chartier. "I'd probably use it all the time if I didn't have to walk over to Davis and wait for someone to

let me in."

As mentioned in the previous article, each item purchased from Momba supports WSU's financial aid program. Now it supports people with disabilities as well.

Momba has started "a working relationship with Opportunity Works, which empowers people with developmental disabilities through enrichment programs and jobs in packaging and shipping fulfillment," according to Duque.

Mom certainly seems to have thought of everything.

If you have any questions, comments, feedback or critiques, you can leave them on the WSU hub on Momba's Facebook.

## Editor's Desk



**It's weird not having homework.**

My dad told me not to brag, but I can't help it. Not having homework is AWESOME. If you have the opportunity to do an internship or two senior year, do it. Especially if it means that you don't have to take any classes.

I do miss being in the Communication Department though. Luckily I can roam the halls at night, when we are working on the newspaper. Though it's a little more lonely that way.

I guess the point of this "ED," as we call them, is to tell you all to take advantage of every opportunity given to you, and definitely don't take anything for granted. You're only here for four years (most of us) and it goes by faster than I ever imagined it would.

Have a good weekend, everyone!

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## RecycleMania kicks off 13th tournament

Alex Myers  
Editor-in-Chief

Westfield State is one school among 605 participating in the 13th annual RecycleMania tournament that began on Feb. 3.

According to recyclemania.org, "RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities."

Over the course of eight weeks, colleges report how much trash and recycling is collected and are then ranked in various categories, the website reports.

The winning school gets national recognition on the RecycleMania website and also receives an award made out of recyclable materials.

Jim Rovezzi of Environmental Services is urging students and faculty of WSU to get involved.

"This is our chance to maintain our bragging rights as one of the top contenders in RecycleMania," Rovezzi said in an email to students. "We are looking for everyone to recycle as much as possible in the next eight weeks of the competition."

In a press release written about the tournament, Rovezzi said WSU has ranked in the top three colleges and universities in the state for recycling, and in 2011 won an "Outstanding Recycling Achievement Award."

WSU has also ranked very high in the per capita competition, Rovezzi said, "which represents the highest average pounds per student/faculty/staff for any one recyclable material."

In 2010, WSU ranked third in the per capita paper recycling nationally, he said.

"Overall," Rovezzi continued, "we have been in RecycleMania's top five ranking nationally in at least one recycling category over the past three years."

In order to keep WSU in the high rankings, he said that "students and faculty should be prudent to make sure every item they dispose goes into the correct receptacle, be it trash or recycling."

This year, according to the press release, Westfield State is competing in three categories: paper, cardboard, and cans and bottles.

"This would be a good time to clean out one's desk or office file cabinet and recycle old paper, magazines, newspapers, or other paper related materials," Rovezzi said.

But, Rovezzi added, there are more benefits than just protecting the environment.

"There is an economic impact with trash with disposing these items in our landfills and transportation costs are constantly going up," he said. "These costs will eventually filter through to increased fees and tuition."

Westfield State also has a MassPirg group that fights for recycling, but Rovezzi said he would like to see them engage in more activities that would encourage it.

According to its website, MassPirg is "a consumer group that stands up to powerful interests whenever they threaten our health and safety, our financial security or our right to fully participate in our democratic society."

Rovezzi said an internal competition among residence halls to see which building recycles the most material, with a prize for the winner, would urge more students to recycle.

"RecycleMania has proven to increase our recycling rates overall, and that's not an easy task considering the size and complexity of our university," Rovezzi said. "Faculty and staff have contributed to our success, and we are hopeful that this year will be the same."

## Editor's Desk



Happy Friday newspaper-readers!

Lots of cool things are coming up for this girl: Maroon 5 next weekend (which you will hear ALL about, count on it), Train tickets go on sale Friday, I'm going home this weekend, and my boyfriend just bought me Red Sox tickets that are 11 rows from the Sox's dugout. I am one happy camper this week.

Usually, I'm stressed over stupid stuff, but I'm trying so hard to just remember that the little things won't matter in five months from now. Why? Because as of last Wednesday night, us seniors had 100 days until graduation.

Enjoy the snow everyone. Be safe!

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All proceeds will help to support the Birthday Wishes organization, a non-profit program that provides birthday parties for children living in local homeless shelters.

# WSU takes new precautions against gun violence

**Emma Savoy**  
Voice Reporter

During the holiday break, a tragedy occurred in Newtown, Connecticut. An allegedly unstable young adult fatally shot students and staff of Sandy Hook Elementary School, along with himself and his mother.

The shooter, who was claimed mentally unstable, had gained access to three guns. All the guns were owned by his mother, one being an assault type rifle.

This incident has caused a wave of new proposed laws and policies to ensure this kind of event doesn't repeat itself. Through all of the prevention debates, the President has come forth with a plan to reduce gun violence.

A question that students on campus may be asking ourselves is, "Will this new law affect us?"

So far, there is going to be an update to the siren system along with practicing a new active shooter program, as stated by the Director of Public Safety Michael Nockunas.

"Westfield State University has taken a lot of steps to ensure we have policies and procedures up to date and current," said Molly Watson of the

Public Safety Committee.

The siren system is a warning alert installed in 2012 that is on top of all buildings so anyone on campus can hear it. Coming through the fire alarm system, the alert will be connected to an intercom that can give direct instructions of what to do. This will be tested during the current semester.

The only building that does not currently have the intercom system is Parenzo; due to future renovation, the building will not have the voice activation until after construction.

Other than the siren alert, there is also a current emergency notification system that sends warnings to students through voice and text messages on their phones, as well as announcement to the campus website.

The new active shooter program is designed to teach people what to do in the event of a shooter being on campus. The program will first be introduced this semester to faculty and staff, and then students shortly after will have the opportunity to go through the program as well, said Nockunas.

The program will involve videos and trainings in three areas: evacuating buildings, hiding out in safe destinations, or action against the shooter. Naturally, everything depends on the

situation, and all variations will be covered.

Another recent addition on campus improving safety is the new doors in the Wilson and Bates buildings. These doors were proposed two years ago, and can be locked from the inside and have no glass to see through to the inside of the room. These new doors not only increase security, but also meet current fire safety codes, said Watson.

These new doors are for classrooms only, but the dorm facilities are also going to be secured.

An overview of what is going on for campus safety and security will be reported to students and faculty in an email. This message will be sent out in the upcoming week, said Watson.

No one can predict how schools and universities will be affected by the new laws. One thing to be sure is that there will be more movements to make campuses more safe and secure.

Other than school safety, many other aspects surrounding guns and crime are being addressed in the new law proposals. One huge part of the plan is including background checks for all gun sales to prevent any criminals from gaining access to

guns. As it is currently, private gun sales like at gun shows do not require background checks. Another new point is to make mental health records more accessible and included in the checks during sales.

Another point in the plan is to restore the assault weapons ban that was created in 1994, but expired in 2004. The previous ban had a number of loopholes, but the new reinstatement is intended to be stricter. One of the big loopholes was that any assault weapon manufactured before the ban was passed was still legal to sell or own.

One celebrity supporter of the new law, famous actor Sylvester Stallone, agreed that there is no need for assault weapons.

"Who ... needs an assault weapon? Like really, unless you're carrying out an assault ... You can't hunt with it. ... Who's going to attack your house, a [expletive] army?" said Stallone earlier this week.

Instead of just enacting a ban on assault weapons, gun ammunition will also have a new limit on it. The same limit was in the 1994 ban, that magazines could have no more than ten rounds. This means that after taking ten shots, the shooter has to unload and reload a magazine before continuing to shoot.

As for the safety of our towns and cities, the plan expects to increase the number of police officers on the streets to make sure no one dangerous gets the 2<sup>nd</sup> hands on a gun and there is no illegal selling of guns or ammunition. In addition, any laws that prevent cops from being able to do that job will be lifted.

One major concern from the Sandy Hook shooting was the mental state and health of the shooter. Because of this, more counselors will be available in schools to help troubled students and mental health care will be more accessible to younger citizens.

The new gun laws are receiving both positive and negative feedback. Some argue that the laws will be successful in preventing future murders by gun; others say it is an infringement on the second amendment and doesn't address the causes of violence.

Regardless of people's standing, a statement given by President Obama sums up the future of the gun law movement.

"We won't be able to stop every violent act, but if there is even one thing that we can do to prevent any of these events, we have a deep obligation, all of us, to try."

**FEBRUARY 2013**

Happy Chinese New Year! Chinese food dinner in the DC	Buy any Pandini's Pizza get a FREE fountain beverage	Fat Tuesday! New Orleans menu items in DC	-National Tortellini Day	Valentine's Day Heart Healthy Lunch	Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
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Michael Jordan's Birthday	President's Day	Get 20% off any combo meal at Wilson Grill!	DC Student Focus Group 5pm Tekoa Room 20	Student vs. Food: National Sticky Bun Challenge 6pm	National Banana Bread Day
17	18	19	20	21	22
DC Student Focus Group 5pm Tekoa Room 25	National Chili Day	National Strawberry Day	Get a FREE munchkin cup with any combo at DD	28	
24	25	26	27		



# Opinion: Monster Frozen Yogurt still delicious after one year

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

Monster Frozen Yogurt, or MoFroYo as it is now called, is alive and well.

Since its opening just last year, the store has changed in drastic ways.

One of the biggest changes is the increase in toppings.

According to their Facebook page, there are over 100 toppings to pick from, such as: cereals, candies, fruits, syrups, and baked goods, as well as sprinkles and whipped cream.

There are also more flavors available, all of which are fat free with no sugar added. Some flavors are even gluten free, such as vanilla, peppermint, and chocolate.

You can even purchase hats, t-shirts, and gift cards. Their hours of operation are consistent with when they first opened: 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. every day. They currently accept Owl Bucks, as well as cash and debit/credit cards.

On Saturday, I paid my first visit of the semester. There were three or four groups of people of different ages all enjoying frozen yogurt, even though it was pretty chilly out.

Yes, people even flock to MoFroYo in the coldest of temperatures.

When I went there, I saw new, exciting, delicious flavors available, such as: Sea Salted Caramel Pretzel, Chocolate Covered Pretzel, Ooey Goey Cinnamon Bun, and Frosted Cinnamon Bun.

Adam Forziati sampled the Ooey Goey Cinnamon Bun and he said it tasted just like the real thing. Not only does the store have a unique selection of flavors, they are delicious as well. I chose to get one of my favorite flavors: Strawberry Shortcake.

They change their flavors rather frequently. Their current flavor matrix or the flavors they rotate between consists of: orange, vanilla, Orange Froyosicle, Cake Batter, strawberry, Strawberry Shortcake, watermelon, Pomegranate Raspberry Sorbet, Island Banana, Tropiccyco Breeze, Froyo Coconut, chocolate, Sea Salted Caramel Pretzel, and Chocolate Covered Pretzel.

There are so many interesting flavor combos to try, it's



photo by facebook.com/monsterfrozenyogurt

no wonder the store is so popular.

So, come on down to MoFroYo and relax with a frozen

yogurt concoction of your own creation. For more info, visit <https://www.facebook.com/monsterfrozenyogurt>.

## What are people saying about MoFroYo on Facebook?

"Hey Westfield Residents...need a place to meet with friends and just hang out...if you haven't yet, you should visit MoFroYo Frozen Yogurt, located in the Little River Shops on Main Street! Better than any ice cream shop in town that's for sure!! :)"

"Awesome place!"

"First time here and it was AMAZING! I will definitely come again!"



"AWESOME time....GREAT flavors and tons of toppings....cant wait to go again!!!"

# Westfield State students to lobby for higher education in Boston

**Patrick Collins**  
Voice Reporter

Westfield State students will be traveling to Boston on Tuesday, March 5 to participate in Public Higher Education Advocacy Day at the Massachusetts State House.

Over 500 students attended last year from across the state.

This year is monumental for budget reform, as Governor Deval Patrick has called for renewed investment in education across all levels as well as a set of progressive tax reforms.

The majority of students who attend the Advocacy Day

want to encourage the state legislature to pass this historic bill that will help every public college and university in the state.

The budget money allotted for this new proposal will be distributed to early education programs, K-12 public education, as well as public universities.

The governor's proposal will put forth a much-needed increase on college and university campuses in an attempt to freeze raising annual prices for students.

Patrick also is attempting to provide \$200 million from the state to fund scholarships for college students throughout Massachusetts, which

more than doubles the previous amount of \$87 million.

Governor Patrick recognized, "the rising costs of higher education in Massachusetts and nationally has forced too many of our students to carry higher debt levels than ever before or even forfeit higher education all together" when considering the proposal.

What this means for college students enrolled in public universities of Massachusetts is the potential for significantly increased funding for the MASS Grant program, annual increases to community colleges, and more funding for universities to hire additional full time staff and faculty.

Perhaps the most impor-

tant aspect of the new budget would be the potential for a halt on the annual student costs for public college or to at least impose a limit on such hikes in price.

The average college student nationally graduates with \$22,000 in student loan debt.

And many students, even at state colleges, must work several jobs while they're in school.

People representing all sectors of Public Higher Education, faculty, staff and students, will join forces to advocate for increased funding on a lobby day promoting public higher education on March 5th at the Massachusetts Statehouse.

The budget proposals and

reforms are sure to encounter opposition.

Anyone who cares about public higher education, college students, or education in general, are encouraged to come to the 2013 Public Higher Education Advocacy Day at the State House.

Westfield State will provide free transportation to all who are interested in going to Boston to lobby and rally on March 5.

The day will also feature free lunch, events and more. Transportation will leave at 8:00 a.m., tentatively, in front of Scanlon Hall.

To reserve your free spot e-mail [pcollins1468@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:pcollins1468@westfield.ma.edu)



# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



Well folks, the Super Bowl has come and gone, and I'm sure that many conversations over the past week have focused on Baltimore's win, Ray Lewis, the Super Bowl commercials, Alicia Keys, Beyoncé and the Destiny's Child reunion, and the infamous blackout that helped turn the tide in the game.

I'll avoid throwing in my two cents on the Super Bowl, but if you'd like to read more, turn to page 13 for a complete game recap.

There were, however, two interesting sports-related stories that caught my eye last week. One stemmed from President Obama's comment that if he had a son, he'd have to think long and hard about letting him play football.

Following Obama's remark, hard-hitting Ravens safety Bernard Pollard said a player would die due to a vicious on-field hit in the future. He also said the NFL would be extinct in 30 years.

The debate on concussions and brain damage in the sport of football, particularly in the NFL, received elevated media attention over the past week following these comments.

At the end of a near hour-long discussion of topics such as immigration reform, gun control and President Obama's cabinet, NBC's "Meet the Press" sat down with Bob Costas in the show's final few minutes to talk about player safety in the NFL.

Costas said, "For all the drama, the excitement, the strategy, all the appealing things about football, the way football is currently played in the NFL is fundamentally unsustainable."

NFL Commissioner Rog-

er Goodell isn't taking the issue of player safety lightly, and the near-constant Super Bowl commercials for NFL.com were intended to inform fans that the league is doing all it can to make the game safer and allow the NFL to be around forever.

The debate on concussions and player safety isn't going away anytime soon. With a number of pending lawsuits against the NFL on behalf of former players, the league office may be getting quite a few phone calls from Capitol Hill this offseason as members of Congress consider more extensive hearings on player safety and performance enhancing drugs in the NFL.

*"The way football is currently played in the NFL is fundamentally unsustainable."*

*-Bob Costas*

The other sports story I found particularly interesting last week was the release of a Public Religion Research Institute survey about the influence religion has on sports.

Maybe I found this story so interesting because I'm currently taking a Law and Religion special topics course this semester, but the survey found that more than a quarter of Americans believe that God "plays a role in determining which team wins" at sports events while more than half of Americans believe "God rewards athletes who have faith with good health and success."

Demographically, respondents who lived in the south and those who identified

as evangelical Christians were most likely to believe religion influenced the outcome of sporting events.

Athletes such as Tim Tebow have received plenty of media attention for their outward professions of faith after winning on the field.

Of course, this survey was particularly timely considering the publicity Ray Lewis received leading up to the Super Bowl (including an SNL parody) for his continual statements on the influence that God has on his life both on and off the football field. (Much of the media attention on Lewis quickly turned to revisiting his involvement in a 2000 double-murder where Lewis eventually

pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and testified against two co-defendants.)

Nothing about this poll was earthshattering, but with the biggest sporting event of the year being played last week, I found it interesting how Americans view the connection between religion and sports.

One news story that could be considered a bit more earthshattering was North Korea's recent successful rocket launch along with continued reports that Pyongyang is closer to developing a nuclear missile and is set to soon perform an underground nuclear test.

Further U.N. sanctions have been issued against Kim

Jong Un and North Korea. The United States, Japan and South Korea are prepared to take serious action against the country seemingly intent on confronting both its neighbor to the south and the U.S.

South Korea seems to be preparing for a potential conflict with Kim Jong Un and the U.S. is also prepared to react to further North Korean defiance.

All in all, it's certainly not a boring time for John Kerry to take over as Secretary of State.

I remember when it was first announced that a new "Red Dawn" film was being made. Originally China was supposed to be the country invading the U.S.

However, the film producers didn't want to lose access to Chinese cinemas (because the Chinese government doesn't take any negative attention kindly), so the invading army was changed to North Korea during post-production. (Now I haven't seen the film yet, but it amazes me that the invading army could be switched to a completely different country in post-production.)

Anyway, I remember laughing at fact that North Korea was the invading army in the movie. Seriously... North Korea?

While the chance of a North Korean invasion at any point in the future is of course realistically impossible, the possibility of a potential North Korean missile attack in the future seems increasingly more likely. The threat posed by North Korea on a global stage isn't a laughing matter, and it's something Kerry certainly won't be taking lightly.

Back to China for a minute.

It was reported last week that Chinese hackers had carried out cyber attacks on the computer systems of both the New York Times and Wall Street Journal for months.

The Chinese government and military have denied any knowledge or involvement in the computer hackings.

CNN later reported that China was blocking access to American news reports regarding the hacking. (Again, Chinese officials don't like it when you say anything negative about their government or country in general.)

This story raises a couple of key concerns.

First, if two of the largest news organizations in the country can have their computers hacked, what does that mean for journalists at any news outlet looking to protect their sources?

Or for that matter, what about the security of important information kept in the computer systems of other large businesses, law firms or corporations?

Reports also came out last week that the notorious Anonymous group had hacked a federal government website, which raises the question of whether or not there's any computer system with strong enough security to defend against determined hackers.

The wars of the 21st century may be fought as much in cyberspace as on traditional battlefields, and it's clear that computer security and online warfare are important global concerns.

Well that's all for this week boys and girls.

Have a nice weekend and, as always, thanks for reading.



# Competency and Conservatism: political catch-up

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

As I begin my last semester at Westfield, I do so with excitement and yet, apprehension; excitement for future endeavors and apprehension towards the unknown. I trust everyone had a wonderful winter break and is well adjusted for a successful spring semester.

To my fellow seniors, I advise you to savor these last moments as an undergraduate student. It is an important time to look back at things that went well and contemplate those that went poorly.

As you apply for the career of your dreams, or the graduate school you desire, remember to have faith in your accomplishments. Hard work and character matter, maybe not in the halls of Washington DC, but on Main Street all across America, it's a recipe for greatness.

This is a political column,

we are political animals, so let's get to it. Since I've last written, we have had much happen that warrants discussion.

From last minute New Years Eve debt deals, congressional resignations, the Presidential Inauguration, battles over gun control, Senate investigations into the Benghazi terrorist attacks, and Senate confirmation hearings, the country has been through a lot.

However there are two items I would like to consider. First is the testimony by now former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The second is closer to home: Massachusetts politics and the special election for our next United States Senator.

The Benghazi terrorist attacks were a tragedy for diplomacy. Our ambassador and members of his compound were murdered. The ambassador's weapon of choice is usually a clear conscious and a deep-rooted belief in the American

spirit.

When bullets intervene, it shocks our character and wounds our deeply felt belief in decency. It is entirely understandable for intense debate to occur during an investigation into the aforementioned events. Senators have a duty to improve upon the current situation.

The overall safety of our diplomats abroad is important. However, the ire directed at Hillary Clinton was unjust. It was misguided and sickening. Foreign policy is not as simplistic as the Senator's mindset for interrogation. She did her job, others did theirs; plain and simple, we move on.

Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky said that if he were president, "I would have relieved you of your duties."

The senator harbors ambitions for running, he even readily admits he is preparing for 2016. This is a case of a guy who wants to throw a few punches at the Hillary 2016

campaign before the contest even begins.

Other senators at the hearing evidently thought the same thing and tried to put a dent in the armor. This is the type of petty games played in Washington that makes regular Americans sick to their stomachs.

I'm a Republican and can vividly see a Clinton candidacy as all out war. But let's wait until shots are fired before we politicize important things such as foreign policy.

Now I'm going to attempt to pivot towards Massachusetts politics. Senator John Kerry has been confirmed as Secretary of State and his seat in congress is now open. Well, not really, but it will be.

That is because Massachusetts law requires that the Governor appoint a successor until a special election can be called, which will be in six months. But in any case, Deval Patrick picked his chief of staff, William "Mo" Cowan to keep

the seat warm.

The big news is that former Senator Scott Brown decided not to jump into the race. My sources say that he plans to run for Governor in 2014.

I'm actually quite glad that he decided to opt out because it would have meant another two hard fought campaigns in the next two years. I like Senator Brown, but maybe Governor Brown sounds better. I was hoping for Richard Tisei to get involved, but he decided against it as well. Former Governor William Weld also said he is out of the running.

However an old name begins anew. Tagg Romney, the son of someone we all know and love is reportedly looking into a run for senate. It is a bit disappointing that some of these big names are not running because I really don't like the democratically anointed Representative Ed Markey. He is an out of touch, halfheartedly enthused political hack.



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## Letter to the Editors

Dear Voice,

Ms. Fahey referenced (Feb. 1) that when she returns to campus after her internship, the M lot is always full but there are available spaces in the commuter lot. When I arrive to campus in the morning the commuter lot is full but the M lot is half empty.

Here is my proposal: Allow M sticker students to park in the commuter lots from 6:15pm until 7:45am and allow commuter students to park in the M lots from 8 am until 3:30 pm.

Right now the best parking spots are vacant half the time -- the commuter lots at night and the M lots during the day. Let's share them to all our benefit.

Sincerely,  
Ed Lenchitz  
[elenchitz8845@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:elenchitz8845@westfield.ma.edu)

# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Bill Russell – Born Feb 12, 1934



Born with a modest upbringing in Monroe, Louisiana, William Felton Russell would grow to become one of the most successful basketball players and coaches in NBA history. As a child, Russell was often ill, battling a myriad of diseases before his father moved his family to Oakland, California in 1944. Just as his health improved and his father found work, his mother succumbed to the flu. Russell discovered basketball and gained a starting spot on his high school basketball team in his senior year. Russell would enroll as a walk-on and eventually earn a scholarship at the University of San Francisco. There, he led

the Dons to back-to-back national championships in 1955 and 1956, averaging over 20 points and 20 rebounds per game in his collegiate career. The Celtics traded for Russell's draft rights in 1956, marking the beginning of success for the most illustrious sports team in Boston's history. Russell would go on to become a five-time NBA MVP with the Celtics, winning 10 championships in his first 12 seasons. His defensive capabilities were quickly deemed legendary, becoming a prolific shot-blocker before the NBA tallied the statistic. Russell would finish his career second all-time in rebounds after leading the Celtics to two championships in three years as player-coach from 1967-1969. Along for being known as a basketball champion, Russell is also known for being an outspoken civil rights activist in the years following his career.

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## Nelson Mandela freed – Feb 11, 1990

Nelson Mandela was a scholar of Fort Hare, South Africa's foremost university, before first exhibiting his fierce leadership skills. As a member of the school's Student Representative Council, he boycotted the school's food and lack of power in the hands of students. He was expelled for a short time for this behavior, but his strong opinion would not waver as his life continued. Mandela ran from home after refusing an arranged marriage, and he became an emerging member of the anti-apartheid movement in 1942. He joined the African National Congress (ANC) and took part in peaceful public demonstrations, practicing civil disobedience against apartheid (oppression of blacks in South Africa). He founded a law firm intended to defend underprivileged blacks

in South Africa, eventually turning to violent measures in his struggle against the South African government until his arrest for treason in 1962. Mandela and 10 other members of the ANC would be convicted of political offenses and sentenced to life in prison. He would be subjected to harsh manual labor in the majority of his time in prison, but still managed to earn a correspondence Law degree from the University of London while incarcerated. Mandela would become a symbol of black oppression during his years in prison, refusing to admit his wrongdoing in exchange for release numerous times before his eventual release in 1990. After his release, Mandela would advocate constitutional reform in South Africa until winning the presidency in 1994 at the age of 77.

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## Whitney Houston – Died Feb 11, 2012



Whitney Houston was born in 1963, heirless to a lineage of pioneering gospel and R&B singers, including the likes of mother Cissy Houston, godmother Aretha Franklin, and cousin Dionne Warwick. She first found stardom as a cover model for Seventeen magazine, becoming one of the first African American women to grace the cover. Her growing reputation for singing gospel at her congregation in New Jersey as a youth led to an eventual record deal with Arista Records at 19. She began work on her eponymous debut album in 1983, released in 1985 to enormous fanfare. Her first single, "Saving All My Love for You," won Houston her first Grammy in 1986. Her second album, Whitney, was equally successful and established her superstardom. In 1992, Houston married singer Bobby Brown, beginning a tumultuous relationship

chronicled in tabloids for years to come. That same year, Houston co-starred with Kevin Costner in the smash-hit *The Bodyguard*, which spawned a very successful soundtrack featuring Houston's tour-de-force, a cover of Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You". Substance abuse problems with her husband threatened to derail her career as the decade progressed, but the resilient Houston seemed to be impervious, always making a comeback. She most recently topped the charts in 2007 with the album *I Look to You*, and her career seemed to be on the upturn again in 2012 until her sudden death by accidental drowning early that year.

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## Sick of zombies? 'Warm Bodies' worth seeing

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

I'll start this review off by admitting my bias - I'm sick of zombies.

Ever since 2002's 28 Days Later the zombie genre has enjoyed a revival that has made it more popular than ever.

This has been spurred by numerous video games such as Resident Evil and Left 4 Dead, books such as Max Brooks' The Zombie Survival Guide, and of course countless films including the remake of Dawn of the Dead, I Am Legend, Planet Terror, Zombieland, and of course AMC's The Walking Dead.

Frankly, I'm sick and tired of the horror sub-genre and I couldn't care less if another piece of zombie-related media wasn't made for twenty years. That being said, Warm Bodies is pretty good.

My initial concern going into the movie is that none of it looked original. It's advertised as a romantic comedy with zombies (been done), as well as showing zombies slowly becoming sentient and human again (been done).

I was more than prepared for this to be another bland cash-in ripped from the "Paranormal Teen Romance" section of Barnes & Noble.

But Warm Bodies is surprisingly more than that. It does something with the zombie genre that is rarely ever seen anymore - it actually cares about life and humanity.

One of my biggest problems with the modern zombie craze is that it's taken away all sense of compassion for mankind that formed the backbone of the original wave of zombie films.

The horror comes from the monsters being your own friends and neighbors, and the survivors are forced to cope

with that reality.

There's a scene in Night of the Living Dead where Barbara, a character who has been traumatized for much of the film, sees her now zombieified brother and instinctually runs to him while crying.

There's an emotional terror to that scene that makes it one of the scariest moments in the movie.

Contrast that with the trailer for the upcoming World War Z, where the zombies are blundering, faceless husks that are tossed around in literal waves.

They're not former human beings, they're target practice.

This same point of view is also present in so much other zombie media, especially the video games.

The genre has become a survivalist's dreamland where people can be shot in an acceptable manner because "they're not human anymore."

And I find that prospect more disturbing than anything in the movies themselves.

Which brings me back to Warm Bodies, Julie (Teresa Palmer) is a survivor of the zombie apocalypse living in a walled off military/survival-based society run by her father General Grigio (John Malkovich).

While on a mission beyond the walls to gather medicine her group is attacked by zombies and her boyfriend is eaten by a sentient zombie known only as "R" (Nicholas Hoult), the film's narrator.

R gains the boyfriend's memories through eating his brain and falls in love with Julie.

He brings her to the airport where many of the zombies live where he makes it clear that he's not going to eat her and actually just wants to spend time with her.

In case it isn't already

clear by the names R and Julie, this is Romeo and Juliet. And keep in mind Warm Bodies is a comedy.

It's as much a riff on the zombie genre as it is the indie romance genre.

While R can only communicate with two word answers his narration is as awkward and blundering as Joseph Gordon-Levitt's character from (500) Days of Summer.

He listens to vinyl records and worries about saying something stupid - he's a perpetual twenty-something hipster struggling to find love from beyond the grave.

This lightheartedness is what won me over. The zombies in Warm Bodies are getting better, and they have names, even if they're just one letter.

It's a major plot point that if Julie's father were to see R he would shoot him without a second thought.

And if R were a character in any other zombie film the audience would be rooting for that to happen.

The film really is a pleasant surprise. It has a tight grasp on its themes and never feels like it's trying to be something it's not.

However, it can certainly be eye-rolling cheesy at times, with a lot of the jokes being more groan-worthy than funny.

And while that cheesiness is also the heart of the film, it holds it back significantly.

All in all, Warm Bodies feels like a good effort, nothing more.

It's charming and unexpected, but not necessarily exceptional or innovative.

If you can deal with a bit of gore (most of which is done alongside humor), it's even a good date movie.

I feel like it's the right step for the zombie genre to take, it just doesn't make any leaps. Grade: B-

## The Last First Time

*by Megan Bishop*

The spring has come, the season for changes

New roommates, apartments, and big rearranges

You're a senior now, too soon and too late

And once May comes, it's time to graduate

Now it has hit Thursday, pile into your car

And head out with your friends down to Tommy D's bar

Remember you know this is your last chance

To go out and have that last first dance

There are many firsts and many lasts

But it's time for this to be part of the past

College was great, good memories good friends

But as we all know all good things must end

It has now turned to March you've got that trip planned Spring Break is here so drive south and get tanned

Parties and playing, spending without any reason

Senioritis takes over because it's the season

The year is gone and the time is here

To say goodbye with lots of tears

And to understand as your future climbs

That you know that you had the best last first times

There are many firsts and many lasts

But it's time for this to be part of the past

College was great, good memories good friends

But as we all know all good things must end

# Owls flight path headed straight for MASCAC tournament

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Westfield State's men's hockey team started the 2012-13 season with six straight wins out of the gate, but after that hot streak the Owls seemed to go into hibernation and lost five straight games heading into winter break.

However, after taking some time off, Westfield has once again gone on a hot streak, winning its last seven games in a row.

The Owls are making the top team in the MASCAC, Plymouth State, sweat a little heading into the MASCAC tournament later this month.

Last Thursday, in a hotly contested matchup between the two teams, the Owls prevailed with a 6-4 victory at Amelia Park.

Westfield, who has been looking for more consistency, was also hot Saturday when they traveled to Worcester and dominated Worcester State in a 5-1 win.

During this seven game unbeaten streak, the Owls have scored 36 times while their opponents have only managed 19 goals. The streak has been due in large part to some great scoring and goaltending.

Sophomore goaltender Ian Perrier has been phenomenal this year with a save percentage of .931 and goal against average of 2.6.

"Ian is doing extremely well for us in net," said Miele in a Jan. 17 interview with Carmine Vetrano of USCHO.com. "He has really excelled to take over that no. 1 job. We know he can get it done for us each time he is out there."

Sophomore forward TJ Powers leads the team in goals



photo by Mickey Curtis

Dalton Jay celebrates after scoring his first of two goals against Plymouth State.

with 12, and has formed a nice one-two combination with junior Vince Perreault, who has nine goals this season.

Westfield's record stands at 13-6-1 (as of Feb. 6) and they are three points behind conference leader Plymouth State in the standings. But the Owls hold the regular season tiebreaker between them as they have

beaten Plymouth two times this season.

The Owls have five more games left in the regular season (and they most likely will play a conference tournament game at home), with Senior Day scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9 at 5:35 p.m. against UMass Dartmouth.

Westfield has five seniors

on the roster, including Captains Jeff Callahan and Rory Wilkovich.

Westfield's future looks bright with players like Powers, Perreault and Perrier, but the future is not something the Owls want to think about as they have their sights set on winning the MASCAC and heading to the 2013 NCAA Tournament.

# Bears claw back for women's basketball win over Westfield

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

Bridgewater State's women's basketball team overcame a 12-point halftime deficit to defeat Westfield State 49-46 at the Woodward Center on Saturday, Feb. 2.

A win for Westfield would have moved them into a first place tie in the MASCAC with Bridgewater.

Instead they dropped to third place at 14-8 (6-3 in the MASCAC as of Feb. 4), while Bridgewater improved to 17-3 (8-1 MASCAC).

Westfield got off to a fast start, breaking the Bridgewater press with ease. Tayler Travis (eight points) and Jenny Bell



photo by Mickey Curtis

Westfield's Jen Ashton drives in the lane to score on a floater during first-half action.

(seven points, four steals) had a few easy lay-ins in transition to give Westfield an early 11-4 lead.

Jenna Williamson (16 points) hit a couple of three-

pointers to get it close for Bridgewater, but Westfield closed out the half on a 13-3 run to head into the locker room with a 27-15 lead.

After shooting 18 percent

from the field in the first half, Bridgewater came out attacking the basket in the second, going on a 15-2 run through the first five minutes.

Jen Ashton (11 points, five steals) ended the run with a three-pointer and Gabby Felix (11 points, seven rebounds) followed that three with a layup to give Westfield a 38-32 lead with 12 minutes to play.

Williamson once again got Bridgewater back in the game, eventually giving the Bears a 44-40 lead.

Ashton hit two free throws and Bell had a steal and a layup to tie the game back up with two minutes to play, but Elisha Homich (seven points, five rebounds) converted an and-one at the other end to make it a three-point game.

Felix answered with a layup at the other end before Colleen Hanscom (nine points, four rebounds) applied the finishing touch for Bridgewater, knocking down a jumper with 10 seconds to play. An Ashton layup went off the rim to end the game.

Both teams were sloppy at the offensive end, with Bridgewater turning the ball over 24 times compared to 27 turnovers for Westfield.

As a team, Bridgewater was able to raise their field goal percentage up to 31.5 percent after their poor first half. Westfield finished at 34.6 percent.

Westfield plays at Framingham State on Feb. 12, before returning home on Feb. 16 to face Fitchburg State in their last regular season game.

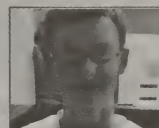


# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

*By: Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



Decades ago, NCAA Division I football was notorious for their stringent traditions regarding treatment towards freshmen athletes. Highlighted in the movie "We Are Marshall," I remember being taken aback by how the NCAA during the 1970s essentially forbid first-year players from participating in games.

The idea with these past generations of thinking was linked to the notion that players needed to prove themselves and earn the respect of their peers before being anointed stars.

Although these concepts were a staple of college football, as regimes and rosters move on, so do old traditions and rules. Today, incoming freshmen are more prepared than ever to compete at the col-

legiate level during their first fall on campus.

For years now, justifiably, freshmen have been able to make significant contributions on the field.

With all of this being said, each February causes me to cringe as multiple networks cover high school athletes, who are soon to be incoming college freshmen, in press conferences declaring to the nation which school they will attend to play football.

Where's the coverage for the kid who joins the military, or the student who chooses John Hopkins Medical School?

A successful high school athlete who has yet to compete on a major athletic stage is getting the nationally televised airtime. More often than people realize, players making a scene

during this announcement period end up becoming a bust, failing to achieve anything of significance throughout their time at college.

On March 19, 2008, I remember awaiting the announcement when Terrelle Pryor would declare where he was going to school: Michigan or my beloved Ohio State Buckeyes. The once unanimously top ranked player in the country left Ohio State with a fired coach and a one-year bowl ban as a direct result of his reckless actions off the field.

The media is to blame in large part for its contribution in celebrating these 18-year-olds by patronizing them when they have yet to achieve the type of success that would warrant the attention.

Although under different

circumstances, LeBron James, on July 8, 2010, told the nation on an ESPN special where he would be playing basketball the next season. Such an ego-boosting action transformed him from loved to reviled in a split second.

I have always asked myself, why do signing days get a free pass?

This circus has produced some unflattering moments in the past.

Kevin Hart told a packed gym of family, friends, classmates and the media in 2008 he would be attending the University of California. California verified that this was indeed a hoax, as the school had never even heard of a player named Kevin Hart.

In 2011, DT Gabe Wright wore a "Nick Who" hat as he

declared he would be attending Auburn. The Nick he was referring to was Auburn's Nick Fairley: BCS National Champion, MVP, consensus All-American and the 13th overall pick in the 2011 NFL Draft.

Where does it stop? I'm not sure if it ever will.

As a college football fan I am well versed in how important a recruiting class can be. It's the college version of free agency and the draft all in one.

Teams are built upon how well they do during the first week in February when athletes across the country sign on the dotted line. But I would like to think that someday National Signing Day will not be considered an event, but rather simply the first day college football players can ink an official letter of intent.

## Ravens electrify New Orleans, soar to Super Bowl XLVII victory

**Ryan Sances**  
Voice Reporter

After a 108-yard kickoff return by Jacoby Jones to start the second half gave the Baltimore Ravens a 28-6 lead, it appeared Baltimore was poised to cruise to an easy Super Bowl victory.

The blowout, however, would be halted by a blackout.

A power outage early in the second half killed not only the lights, but also the Ravens momentum. The 49ers outscored the Ravens 25-6 following the 34-minute delay.

The comeback would ultimately fall short thanks to a goal-line stand by the Ravens defense in the final minutes of the game, preserving a 34-31 Baltimore victory.

The defensive stand proved a fitting end to the Hall of Fame career of Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis.

The polarizing linebacker had announced earlier in the year that he would retire at the conclusion of this season, ending his 17-year career, all of which was spent with Baltimore.

Following the game, opposing head coaches and brothers John and Jim Harbaugh met briefly on the field in what was likely a bittersweet moment for both men. The moment was certainly much sweeter for older brother John, however, after his Ravens had emerged victorious.

Baltimore was firing out of the gate, taking a 21-6 halftime lead on the strength of quarterback Joe Flacco's three touchdown passes, including a

56-yard strike to Jones late in the second quarter.

Flacco would finish the game with 287 passing yards and zero interceptions while being named the game's Most Valuable Player.

But the tide of the game changed dramatically following the Superdome power outage early in the third quarter. San Francisco scored 17 unanswered points coming out of the delay before the Ravens responded with a field goal to make the score 31-23 early in the fourth quarter.

San Francisco nearly completed the comeback on the ensuing drive following a 15-yard touchdown run by quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who also threw for a touchdown. But the game-tying two-point conversion failed, allowing the Ravens to retain the lead.

The Ravens countered with another field goal drive aided in large part by a key third down reception by wide receiver Anquan Boldin, who finished the game as the Ravens leading receiver with six receptions for 104 yards and one touchdown.

The 49ers would have one final opportunity to take the lead, driving down to the Ravens five-yard line in the final two minutes, but Kaepernick's pass to the end zone on fourth-and-goal from the five fell incomplete.

The 49ers argued that defensive holding should have been called on the play, but the officials ruled the contact between receiver Michael Crabtree and cornerback Jimmy Smith to be incidental.

The Ravens took an intentional safety with four seconds remaining to close out the scoring before the game ended on the ensuing free kick with a 34-31 final score. With the win, Baltimore claimed its second Lombardi Trophy in the team's franchises history.

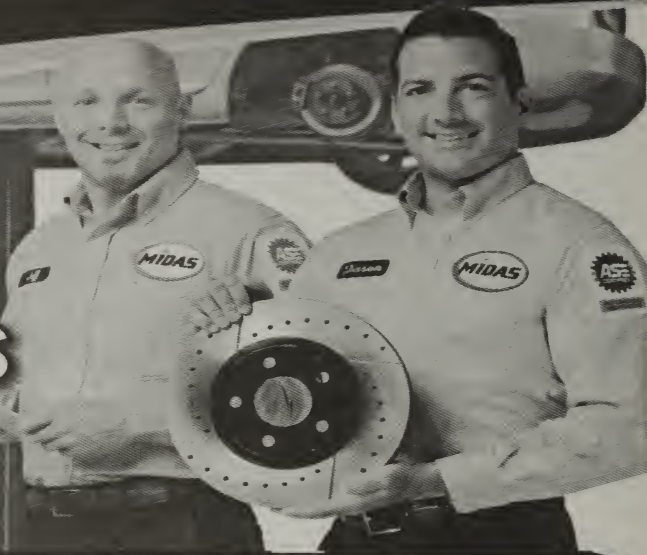


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**Aquarius****(January 21 – February 19)**

What you thought is true is not true. The signs don't think what you think they mean. The cryptic code that is your life is a difficult one to crack.

**Pisces****(Feb. 20 – March 20)**

You may be down on yourself, even when a great deal of what you do is admirable, laudable even. While you may not believe this, you're simply holding yourself back. Instead be like the unicorn, majestic and proud in all that it does.

**Aries****(March 21 – April 20)**

Technology may betray you at an important moment in your life, so you may not wish to rely on it as much as you do now. What you do not use cannot stop working for you, so there is a simple solution to that problem.

**Taurus****(April 21 – May 21)**

You will see a great expansion of your world and be exposed to all new sorts of things, ranging from the great to the terrible to the absurd. It all depends on how you look at things as well as it depends on how things actually are, which may matter more in the long run.

**Gemini****(May 22 – June 21)**

You know all that good fortune that the Cancers have not been getting recently? That is what you are going to be receiving this week, so do try to make the best of what has been bestowed upon you.

**Cancer****(June 22 – July 22)**

The stars have to break it to you; this is not going to be the greatest of weeks for you. The best thing to do is to just try and bear it. Things next week might prove to be better.

**Leo****(July 23 – August 23)**

Sometimes you may feel as though you have a dark aura that surrounds you. Try to understand that your failures are a part of you and instead accept them for what they are.

**Virgo****(August 24 – September 22)**

In the beginning there was nothing, and then there was something. Try and take this course in life, and become something in the future from the nothingness you may have in your life right now. Fill your voids with what you love.

**Libra****(September 23 – October 22)**

You may want to look into your own past this week, even to those deep dark corners of your mind where the spiders live and those dark red eyes of your past self just stare at you.

**Scorpio****(October 23 – November 21)**

Your romantic options may turn relatively sour this week, but these are the false options that would never have worked out for you if you played them out in time. So instead look at these truths as a blessing.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 – December 21)**

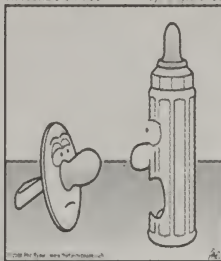
Instead of thinking about the future and worrying about everyone else in the world, remember that you are a mortal being and that your world for all intents and purposes ends when you do.

**Capricorn****(December 21 – January 20)**

Your stock options, if you have them, will be in grave jeopardy if you are a nervous person. If you aren't a nervous person, then your calmness in this economy as a stockholder is either an admirable trait or a sign of naivety.

**THE JOKE'S ON YOU**

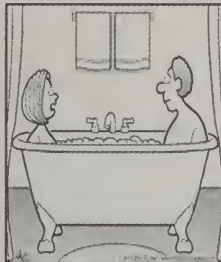
by Phil Rhymer &amp; YOU



"How about taking over...? I feel drained."  
- Val • Ingleside, R.

**THE JOKE'S ON YOU**

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"You know the routine - I wash, you dry."  
- Frank Cassano • Toronto, Canada

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"I'm too drunk to get up and too sober to go home."  
Ron Blom • Pasadena, CA

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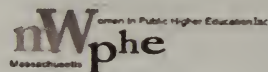
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## Celebrate Black History Month at WSU

- February 8** Black History 101 Mobile Museum Exhibit, 9a.m. – 5p.m.; Lectures, 11 a.m., Campus Center, Owl's Nest
- February 12** Honoring Afro-American Pioneers in Nursing Event  
6p.m. – 7p.m., Wilson Auditorium B
- February 13** Nostalgia: It's not Always Black and White: Omarthan Clarke  
5:30p.m. - 8:30p.m., Westfield State's Arno Maris Art Gallery
- February 20** Guest Speaker: Kate Rushin  
2p.m., Bates 221 and 7p.m., Scanlon Banquet Hall
- February 26** Film and Discussion: Brother Outsider: Life of Bayard Rustin  
6:30p.m. – 9p.m., Wilson Auditorium B
- February 28** Guest Speaker: Noah Griffin  
4p.m. – 6p.m., Wilson Auditorium C



### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (SASA)

#### GUIDELINES

##### Criteria

Completed application, an essay describing how Public Higher Education has provided access to your educational goals, an unofficial\* academic transcript, and a minimum of two references from a faculty or staff member describing the applicant's background, barriers overcome, and achievements.

##### Eligibility

- Women who are currently enrolled, are matriculated in an academic program and have completed at least 3 courses in their major at a Massachusetts public college or university.
- Must have a documented cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher.
- Essay should include future goals including educational goals and aspirations of the student.
- Must submit two completed reference forms from a college faculty or staff member including narrative comments.
- Only complete applications will be considered.

##### Submission

Applications must be submitted online at [mwph.org](http://mwph.org). Recommendation forms can be found online. The online application will ask applicants to upload an essay, recommendations, and an unofficial transcript. For questions or assistance with the online application, please contact Kelly Galanis at 413.572.5228 or [kgalanis@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:kgalanis@westfield.ma.edu).

The deadline for the 2013 SASA application is February 25, 2013. All materials must be submitted by 5:00 pm on February 25 for consideration.



## Hours Of Operation

### Dining Commons

#### Everyday

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Saturday & Sunday

7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. &

4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

### Wellness Center

#### Monday - Thursday

6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

#### Friday

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### Sunday

12:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

### Dunkin' Donuts

#### Monday - Thursday

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

#### Friday

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

#### Saturday & Sunday

11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

### Pandini's

#### Everyday

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### The Perch

#### Sunday - Thursday

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

#### Friday & Saturday

8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

### Bookstore

#### Monday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

12:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### Closed Sunday

### Quixotes

#### Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

#### Friday

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Library

#### Monday - Thursday

8 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

#### Friday

8 a.m. - 5p.m.

#### Saturday

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Sunday

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# The Westfield Voice

## The Student Press of Westfield State University

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## Westfield State digs out from historic snowstorm

**Rob Donoghue**  
Managing Editor

Winter Storm Nemo began dumping snow across southern New England early Friday morning, leaving behind more than two feet of snow in many locations before dissipating Saturday afternoon.

While the historic snowstorm caused widespread power outages and school closings throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, Westfield State University's Facilities and Operations Department was prepared to deal with the record snow totals.

Dr. Curt Robie, Westfield's Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Operations, said his department kept a close eye on the weather forecast leading up to the storm on Friday.

"The first thing we do is to go through and inventory all our equipment to make sure we have ample supplies and our equipment is ready to go so that we can move on the storm when it starts," Robie said. "After that we devise a schedule with our grounds crew staff."

Facilities and Operations coordinates with WSU's Office of Academic Affairs to assess weather forecasts and conditions

to determine whether or not the University should be closed due to inclement weather.

The University decided to cancel classes for Friday on Thursday afternoon based on widespread agreement that the storm would make travel dangerous for most of Friday.

Dr. Marsha Marotta, Westfield's Dean of Undergraduate Studies, said that the safety of students, faculty and staff is the University's top priority when making decisions on whether to close the school. She said that if the University had held classes on Friday morning, students, faculty and staff would have been forced to drive in potentially dangerous road conditions.

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick asked that all schools in the state be closed on Friday shortly after Westfield had already canceled classes.

Once the snow started falling on Friday, Facilities and Operations began the snow removal process.

Robie said University grounds crew workers and a snow team of maintainers worked as the snow fell into Friday evening, but eventually had to stop because of white out conditions.

"This was a tough storm, and it's difficult to find space to put all the snow we're moving,"



*photo by Rob Donoghue*

WSU grounds crew workers and maintainers worked hard throughout the weekend removing snow.

he said.

Robie said that many maintainers and grounds crew workers spent the night at the school before resuming work Saturday morning. Workers spent the entire weekend clearing parking lots and walkways across campus before turning their attention to South Lot, where more than 800 cars were buried in up to five feet of snow.

Facilities and Operations coordinated with Public Safety during the South Lot snow removal process.

Robie's office helped stu-

dents clear snow around their cars and provided students with 18 shovels (in addition to the shovels recently purchased by the Westfield Student Government Association). He said that Public Safety also assisted in calling students based on car decal numbers to have them move their vehicles.

Dr. Carlton Pickron, Westfield's Vice President of Student Affairs, said that the University was also able to open up the library, the wellness center, and additional dining facilities, such as Subway on Sunday and Monday, despite the snow,

to provide students with additional amenities during the long weekend.

Robie said that Public Safety received a phone call on Sunday night from the Emergency Management staff in the Westfield Mayor's office requesting that the University be closed on Monday to give the city more cleanup time.

The University, looking to work in conjunction with city officials, then made the decision on Sunday night to officially close the school for Monday.

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### Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5657  
Public Safety - 5262  
IT - 5528  
Library - 5231

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### Wellness Center Hours:

Sun - 12:00pm-10:30pm  
Mon-Thur - 6:30am-10:30pm  
Fri - 6:30am-7:30pm  
Sat - 10:00am-6:00pm

# Quick Hits

## Friday, February 15

3:00p.m.  
Yoga for Relaxation  
Davis Common Room

8:00p.m.  
Movie: Breaking  
Dawn  
Part II  
*The Nest, Ely*

## Saturday, February 16

1:00p.m.  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Fitchburg State  
Woodward Center

3:00p.m.  
Men's Basketball vs.  
Fitchburg State  
Woodward Center

## Sunday, October 14

7:30p.m.  
Student Recital: John  
Barberio, Trombone  
Dever Stage

## Campus Police Log

1/27/2013 to 2/02/2013

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION
01/27/13	0256	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	COURTNEY HALL
01/27/13	0313	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	DICKINSON HALL
01/27/13	1650	MALICIOUS DEST.(VANDALISM) DAMAGE TO MIRROR	COMMUTER LOT
01/28/13	0028	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(DRUGS)	DICKINSON HALL
01/29/13	2035	HARRASSMENT UNDER INVESTIGATION	SOUTH LOT
02/01/13	1625	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	COURTNEY HALL
02/02/13	0023	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(DRUGS)	APT. COMPLEX
02/02/13	0153	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(DRUGS)	COURTNEY HALL
02/02/13	0207	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	DICKINSON HALL
02/02/13	1529	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	LANSDOWNE PLACE
02/02/13	1658	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL. (ALCOHOL) LIQUOR, PERSON UNDER 21 POSSESS	SCANLON HALL
02/02/13	1659	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	COMMUTER LOT
02/02/13	1732	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	DICKINSON HALL
02/02/13	1822	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	COMMUTER LOT



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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



## ‘Simply to Go’ to take old DD space

**Samantha Fahey**  
Editor-in-Chief

From Dunkin’ Donuts to “Simply to Go,” the now empty space located on the ground level of New Hall will soon be filled with food and drinks again.

Set for completion in the fall of 2013, Sodexo will be opening Simply to Go, which will not be a convenience store but rather a small dining option with a “Market Basket” concept, according to Sodexo General Manager Craig Goodridge.

Simply to Go will provide students with a takeout option for a quick lunch with ready



photo by admin.utep.edu

made sandwiches and salads, fruit, snacks, and both hot and cold beverage stations.

Just like with all of Sodexo’s outlets on campus, students will be able to pay with Sodexo and Owl Bucks as well

as cash.

There is even an ongoing “negotiation” that would allow students to pay with either debit or credit cards at the new store, according to Goodridge.

## No changes to schedule following storm

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While both Robie and Marotta said no decision had been made by the University on whether to cancel classes for Monday prior to talking with the city, closing the school gave Facilities and Operation additional time to clear South Lot and prepare the campus for classes on Tuesday.

“It would have been tight trying to have classes on Monday,” Robie said. “It would have been tough with the amount of snow we still needed to move out of South Lot to clear parking spots, so closing the school worked out well.”

WSU senior Adam Woznikowski, a commuter from Wilbraham, said that “it was a smart move” for the University to close on Monday because of the difficult road conditions.

He said that conditions on campus and in the city were still tough on Tuesday. “As a commuter, driving to Westfield was difficult because one lane was

blocked off due to the snow. Commuters also struggled to finding adequate parking because of snow piles.”

Woznikowski said that driving through the parking lots and seeing past snow banks were difficult, adding that more plowing still needed to be done so that vehicles had enough clearance to safely drive around campus.

Robie said this storm was the largest single snowstorm he’s dealt with during his 31 years as a member of the Westfield State staff, and called the entire recovery process a “great coordinated effort by Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Public Safety, and Facilities and Operations.”

He added that students were very cooperative and helpful during the cleanup process, but recommended that students make sure they have a shovel with them on campus in the future.

While Winter Storm Nemo forced two days of class-

es to be missed, Marotta said there are currently no plans to change the academic schedule this semester.

The Reading Day scheduled before finals week was previously removed from the academic schedule, and the final examination schedule was moved up one day.

Many students have now missed multiple Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes due to these two missed days and the additional early closing of the University on Monday, Jan. 28 due to inclement weather.

Jonathan Major, a sophomore at Westfield State, has a medical terminology class that meets once a week on Monday nights. Because the weather has forced class cancellations, Major’s class has only met once this semester and he said it might be difficult for the class to stay on pace with the syllabus.

Go to [westfieldvoice.com](http://westfieldvoice.com) for the continuation of this article and extensive coverage of the snowstorm.

## Coffey Break with Mike Ellsworth

by Kylie Coffey



Hometown: Bellingham, MA  
Major: Psychology

1. How did you spend your snow day?  
Drinking.
2. What are you looking forward to in the next couple of months?  
Fertile Myrtle (a spring break trip to Myrtle Beach)!
3. Build a snowman, make a snow angel, or have a snowball fight? Why?  
Snowball fight because it’s the right thing to do.
4. What’s your favorite thing about winter?  
The big bad Bruins!
5. If you could have dinner with one celebrity - dead or alive - who would it be and why?  
John Lennon of the Beatles (said in a British accent). If you don’t know why, you don’t deserve an answer.
6. Out of all the Residence Halls you’ve lived in, which one is your favorite and why?  
Seymour Hall because of the notorious dirty dog contest.
7. What does your Twitter bio say?  
I have a Twitter, but I don’t even know how to tweet.
8. What’s your opinion on the pope resigning?  
The pope resigned?

*If you would like to be the in the Voice’s spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

# Ely library updates computers and more

Alex Myers  
Editor-in-Chief

The Westfield State library is not a popular stomping ground for students in the weeks immediately following winter break.

At quick glance, everything looks the same: the bigger work stations, the resource desk, the printers, and the seating area.

What students will soon discover, as they sit down at a computer for the first time this semester, is that something is different. While everyone was at home not thinking about schoolwork, the library staff and Information Technology were hard at work installing touch screen computers.

Library Director Thomas Raffensperger said that when he thought about getting new computers, he went into it thinking he would love to have touch screens. But, he said, it was "definitely" IT's idea.

He said that he doesn't have the resources or know what sorts of technologies are available all the time, so IT led him in the direction of touch screen computers.

"Renovations of the library were a big deal," Raffensperger said, and that's what initially sparked the change in computers.

The life cycle of the old machines was wearing out as well, he said, so it was time to upgrade. He was ready to switch out the computers anyway, he said, so the touch screens were just an added bonus.

Raffensperger said the biggest factor taken into consideration was the students' request for more space.

The Lenovo touch screen computers allowed the library to oust the towers and make the systems all-in-one. The headphone jack and USB drive are

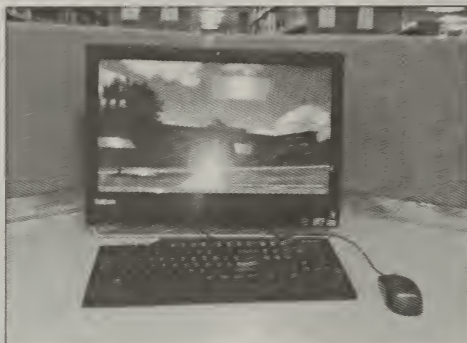


photo by Voice staff

The updated computers in the library have a touch screen feature.

all on the computer monitors.

The computers aren't the only change that has hit the library in recent years. Last spring, new computer tables, furniture and study rooms were added to give students a full experience.

"We wanted to make it comfortable and friendly," Raffensperger said.

Since the renovations, he has noticed that not only are more students coming to the library, but, "what we find is that they're staying longer."

Raffensperger has only been here a little over a year and the renovations, he said, are the first thing he did as library director.

The limited budget prevents them from making big changes rapidly, he added, but that doesn't mean he's done improving.

"Slowly and steadily I want to improve the stacks," he said, and make it less what the students call "creepy."

He said he hopes to replace the furniture up there and add artwork to make it look "less like a prison." With each year, he said, he will aim to improve the stacks floor by floor.

Raffensperger also said he would like to upgrade the

televisions in the study rooms. He hopes to put flat screen TVs on the walls with laptop hook-ups, to allow students to study easier and more efficiently with other students, he said.

In addition, Raffensperger said, the library lends out ten laptops for students to use in the library, and 20 laptops that are used with classes.

"We did what we could with the budget," Raffensperger said, and "I love seeing students use our space."

Another improvement Raffensperger is making, he said, is to hold more events in the library.

"I think of the library as a cultural institution and more than just a study space, more a part of the community instead of just a place where people go," he said.

Because of that thought, he's opened up the bottom floor of the library Tuesday afternoon to invite jazz musicians to play in honor of Black History Month.

Raffensperger said he really wants to "engage and connect our students more."

Helping to do just that are the other improvements he's made to the library. He said the study rooms have been really

## Editor's Desk



So...how about that snowstorm?

I went home, to eastern mass., and we lost power for so long that we had the choice to either sleep over a relative's house or freeze to death. It didn't help that a branch fell onto the wire outside my house and caught on fire. I think we all have to admit that all that white stuff is kind of pretty! When you don't have to drive in it.

I have no clue how Rob writes so much in his Donoghue Report (page 8). I suppose I could talk about how I did when I played Monopoly against my family...but I lost epically...

Oh! Alex and I are going to the Maroon 5 concert this weekend! You'll be hearing a lot more about that next week, I'm sure. Thanks for reading and stay safe in this weather!

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popular. The library previously had zero, and because students wanted a place to study with friends or in groups, Raffensperger said, they now have six.

Two of those study rooms located in the upper level have white board walls from floor to ceiling.

Math students especially enjoy those, he said, because of the convenience of studying graphs and diagrams with multiple people.

The classrooms located upstairs are also bigger and allow for larger class sizes to come in and enjoy the resources

offered, such as the librarians who teach over 270 classes a year.

"They're not just librarians, they're teachers as well," Raffensperger said.

Another request made by students, he said, was to provide more outlets. Raffensperger took care of this as well, adding in floor outlets and tables with lamps that have outlets built into them.

So far, he said, he's had really positive feedback from students. The best way to tell, he said, is to just look around and see the number of students increasing.



# Updates from Student Government

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

At our meeting tonight we had one guest speaker. Trudy Knowles, from the Education Department, came to speak about the program "Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Program."

This program provides students with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to be

able to learn in college.

This program will be formed out of the Education Department.

Michelle Hanney, VP of Programming, spoke about CAB's upcoming event, WSU's Got Talent.

WSU's Got Talent will be on February 21, 2013 at 7:30 in Dever Auditorium and Stage.

Josh Frank, VP of Finance, introduced three finance proposals.

These proposals were

passed and will allow the Nursing Club to create calendars to give to residents at the Samaritan Inn, the Athletic Training Club to attend a conference at Central Connecticut, and the Republican Club to attend a conference called CPAC.

The Student Government's next is Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 5:30 in the SGA room located in the garden level of Ely, next to Dunkin Donuts. All meetings are open to the public.

Gov. Patrick has proposed major new funding for our campuses and student financial aid.

We need to let our state legislators know that students, staff and faculty need their support for high quality, affordable public colleges and universities.

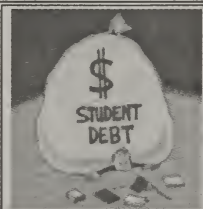
This is a key moment in Massachusetts history - and you can be part of it!

Come with us to speak with our state legislators - ask them to support more funding for higher ed!

*Spread the word...bring your friends...make a difference!*

For more info, contact:  
pcollins1468@westfield.ma.edu

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In front of Scanlon

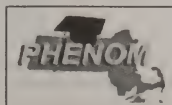


## Stop Tuition Hikes! Students Speak Out!

### Come to Boston for Higher Ed Advocacy Day Tues. March 5

Over 500 students attended last year!  
Free bus from Westfield, speakers, visit with legislators, free lunch, events, and more.  
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM \*

Organized by PHENOM  
(Public Higher Education Network of Mass.)



## Editor's Desk



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... like Saturday... it's Saturday. And I'm freaking out with excitement.

Okay, phew. Pardon my totally non-journalistic introduction, but this is the one place I don't have to worry about that all the time. I just thought you all should know that Samantha and I are going to see Maroon 5 in New York City on Saturday and we are beyond excited.

I hope all of your weekends are just as exciting. I doubt they will be because it's Maroon 5 I'm talking about here, but I am hopeful for you ;) Bye!!

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# Pope Benedict XVI resigns, first time in almost 600 years

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

Pope Benedict XVI, leader of the Roman Catholic Church, resigned on Monday citing old age and the onset of fatigue and weakness.

In his resignation speech to the cardinals in Rome, he said "After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry."

Born Joseph Ratzinger on April 16, 1927, Benedict is the first pope to resign since Gregory XII in 1415. He is the first to do so voluntarily since Celestine V in 1294.

The pope has been subject to dealing with the modernization of the Catholic Church, with some calling for it to loosen its restrictions on gay and lesbian people and women be-

coming priests.

The last time the Catholic Church made any sweeping changes to its policies and catechism was in 1963 with the Second Vatican Council. The most drastic change enacted was changing the celebration of Mass from Latin to English.

Benedict has also been in charge of dealing with the sex abuse scandal that has blown up to affect the perception of the Church around the world.

In dealing with the scandal, Benedict met with the families of the abuse victims, but some say that he should have done more.

"We won't miss this pope," Norbert Denef told Britain's *The Guardian*. Denef was abused as a boy for six years by his priest and was paid €25,000 to keep quiet about the ordeal.

"Ratzinger was part of the system and co-responsible for these crimes," said Jakob Purkarthofer who represents Austria's Platform for Victims of Church Violence.



*photo by abcnews.go.com*

Pope Benedict XVI, formerly Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, formally resigned Monday.

The pope resigning leaves a vacancy in the seat for a short period of time while the College of Cardinals decides on a replacement for the 85-year pontiff. Some speculate that the next pope may come not from Europe, but in fact Africa or

Latin America.

Speculative frontrunners include Peter Turkson from Ghana, head of the Vatican's justice and peace bureau, and Joao Braz de Aviz from Brazil, Archbishop of Brasilia and head of the Vatican's department for

religious congregations.

From North America, some of the frontrunners named were Timothy Dolan, who is the Archbishop of New York, and Marc Ouelet, head of the Congregation of Bishops for the Vatican.

## Westfield in Washington Great Opportunities to Intern in Washington DC!

*Informational Sessions: February 19th  
2:00 pm and 3:00pm Ely Owl's Nest*

If you've thought an internship in Washington D.C. was beyond your reach, you might be surprised to find that qualified students, (those with Massachusetts residency and an overall grade point average of 3.0) may qualify for significant scholarship from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and The Washington Center. These experiences, available to upper level students in all academic majors include high quality supervised placements and housing. Academic requirements vary by major and departmental approval is required.

Deadlines vary depending on program and semester.

General Application deadline for Summer 2013 is March 15, 2013.

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The application process includes a writing sample, 2 references, resume and transcript. Applications are filed online and require a \$60.00 electronic payment. Students are encouraged to plan well in advance of their intended internship semester.

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# Will Governor Chris Christie's weight keep him from 2016 election?

**Keith Winer**  
Voice Reporter

Let's put our politics and plates to the side.

Whether you're a fan of the "stupid party," or you're off to collect your entitlements, let's look to 2016 and the next presidential election.

You may think, 2016 is simply too far away, but for people inside the beltway, the race has already begun.

Who will line up for the GOP and try to rebuild a party that has lost the last two presidential elections?

One person who surely has aspirations for the White House is the colorful and often outspoken New Jersey governor Chris Christie.

For Christie, never being afraid to speak his mind is what makes him an attractive candidate for the Republican nomination in 2016.

So, what could possibly stop the man with a sound resume and an "appetite" to become the next GOP nominee? Well, in a word, weight.

Christie's weight issue,

which seems to be more popular lately than the economy, has been a concern for voters ever since he became a legitimate candidate for a party in rebuilding mode.

This brings me to the question on everyone's mind, not just with Christie, but in general. Can a president be too fat so as to be unhealthy? According to former White House physician, Dr. Connie Mariano, "Yes he can."

Dr. Mariano boldly stated on CNN that the New Jersey Governor was "almost like a time bomb that's waiting to go off unless he addresses those issues before running for office."

Christie, who is not afraid to lash back said, "I find it fascinating that a doctor in Arizona who has never met me, never examined me, never reviewed my medical history or records, knows nothing about my family history, could make a diagnosis from 2,400 miles away," and told the doctor to "shut up."

Christie has a valid point here. A doctor who has never examined him should have no say on his medical history.

On the other hand, the doctor has general knowledge



*photo by politico.com*

New Jersey governor Chris Christie faces attacks on his weight as talks about the 2016 presidential race begin.

that if he obese, the likelihood of problems increases, the type of problems she sees every day in her practice.

Looking at both sides, if we, as voters, decide that a president is too fat, then why did we elect Barack Obama, who was addicted to cigarette smoking?

Why did the Republicans choose Mitt Romney, who on election night chooses to go to the fast food chain Wendy's?

Do we have to judge a candidate based on being fit, because if that were true, Paul Ryan would win in a landslide, even if he does make up his marathon time.

The White House understands the obesity problem in this country, as Michelle Obama is a champion for the cause, but should it be a factor in the choice for the president?

Let's face it: the title is

President, and not the Burger King. At an event I attended recently, the Governor was the keynote speaker. He told the crowd that he has something important to say, and to stop eating while he says it. He later joked, "Even I would stop eating for what I'm about to say."

Should we all be worrying about what he's eating, or should we actually listen to what he has to say?

## Curious about who else might run in 2016?

*According to policymic.com...*



Marco Rubio



Paul Ryan

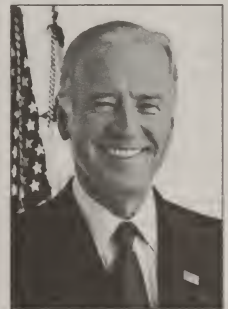
**Republicans**



**Democrats**



Hillary Clinton



Joe Biden



# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



It's 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 10 as I sit down to write this week's column.

This is probably the earliest I've ever written a column or article for a Friday newspaper, but I must be in a good mood after just finding out that classes on Monday have been cancelled.

Nemo has come and gone, leaving behind a couple of feet of the fluffy stuff across southern New England. On second thought, fluffy might not be a good adjective to describe this snowstorm, because I was shoveling for quite a long time on Saturday afternoon and that was some heavy snow.

My birthday is this Wednesday (or this past Wednesday, I should say, since my birthday will have passed by the time you're reading this) so I went home this weekend to celebrate with my family...and it was certainly a birthday celebration to remember.

I drove home to Middleboro Thursday night and the snow was falling by late Friday morning. I went outside for a walk Friday night around 7 with my dad and brother, and there were probably about six inches of snow already on the ground.

The wind was whipping and the snow was really starting to pick up, making it nearly impossible to see more than a few feet in front of you. I realized then that we were going to lose power.

Just before 9 p.m. the power went out. I spent a few hours reading before going to bed, which was difficult to do because of how loud the wind was whipping against our house. There was already more than a foot of snow on the ground as I went to sleep.

The next morning I woke up to a quiet house. I predicted that we probably wouldn't get power back any time soon, so my family sat around the coffee table (which to my dad's chagrin was void of any coffee mugs due to the lack of electricity) and proceeded to play a four-hour game of Monopoly.

I came out on top (I like to consider myself a Monopoly aficionado) with \$6,465 and eight properties featuring 11 houses and three hotels. At that point it was time to dig out.

rounding communities are still without power. My uncle who lives in the next town over has now been without power for 48 hours. (The temperature in his old house is below freezing, so he's planning on spending the night at my house.)

Driving down to South Lot this afternoon to dig out Samantha's car was an adventure. (Thanks to the man with the snow blower for saving us about an hour by removing 90 percent of the snow around her car for us.)

residents can start moving their cars back.

It seems logistically impossible to have all the parking lots and walkways ready to be used by residents and commuters for Monday morning. Plus, the rest of the city of Westfield is still trying to dig out too.

But as I sat around during the relatively short power outage at my house, I couldn't help but think about the Syrian refugees at the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan dealing with a devastatingly cold winter.

Ten of thousands of refugees have crossed the Syrian border seeking safety in Jordan. And as I read in a "New York Times" article last month, these refugees are now crammed into tents, lacking sufficient food and any access to heat or electricity, fighting devastating storms and one of the coldest winters in decades.

The Zaatari camp is just one of the many refugee camps spread across the Middle East, as thousands of evacuees seek safety from the escalating violence between Bashar al-Assad's regime and opposition forces.

While there has been news of potential talks between the two sides coming soon in the war-torn country, the situation in Syria and across the region is an international humanitarian crisis.

The United Nations stated last week that the number of people in Syria needing urgent aid will soon increase as the civil war is set to enter its third year and refugees are struggling to survive through another winter.

The UN released the following statement on the crisis in Syria last week: "WFP, the Syrian Arab Red Crescent

(SARC) and other partners have fed 1.5 million Syrians since September, but dispatching food inside the country has been increasingly hampered by growing insecurity and truck drivers reluctant to drive on some roads and to deliver food assistance to certain risky areas.

"The situation in Syria is exacerbated by overall economic decline in the country. Syria's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by nearly 30 per cent since the uprising against President Bashar al-Assad began in early 2011, reported the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

"The international community has pledged more than \$1.5 billion to provide humanitarian assistance to civilians affected by the conflict in Syria, both inside the country and for those who have fled to neighboring countries."

Winter will be over soon, but the violence continues in Syria and has escalated on the Syrian-Turkish border.

The Syrian civil war doesn't receive many front-page headlines anymore after almost two years of ongoing fighting across the country. With an array of other domestic and international concerns garnering the media's attention these days, Syria is often put on the backburner.

But as we get back to our normal routines in the wake of Nemo, it's worth taking a few minutes to think about the refugees struggling to survive another harsh winter in the Middle East.

Well that's all for this week folks. Enjoy your weekend and as always, thanks for reading.

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I didn't appreciate how much snow we really had until I was trying to trudge through it. I measured between 20 and 26 inches at different points around my house (probably because of how much wind we had blowing the snow everywhere) and it was easy to see why most of Southeastern, Mass. lost power after seeing how heavy the snow was.

After a birthday dinner of cold cut sandwiches and cake and ice cream in the dark, we ended up getting power back around 8 p.m.

I love the cold, but even I needed some extra blankets after having the temperature in our house continue to drop for nearly 24 hours.

I'm back on campus now (although the back roads in my town were nearly impassable as of Sunday morning), but many people in my town and the sur-

rounding communities are still without power. My uncle who lives in the next town over has now been without power for 48 hours. (The temperature in his old house is below freezing, so he's planning on spending the night at my house.)

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While a lot of people are going to complain about Westfield's communication to students during the post-blizzard cleanup process, I want to tip my hat to the WSU Facilities and Operations staff and Public Safety for keeping the situation as organized as possible considering the historic blizzard conditions.



# Trey Anastasio's 'Traveler': Pop rock at its finest

Jessica Thelen  
Voice Reporter

Trey Anastasio, best known for his work with the jam band Phish, is also a well-known solo artist.

His 2012 album "Traveler" is completely different from his work with Phish. "Traveler" gave Anastasio a chance to spread his wings as both a songwriter and musician.

If you're a fan of Phish and not familiar with Anastasio's work, you'll be surprised just how different it really is, and "Traveler" is a brilliant example: it is pop rock at its finest.

It ranges from the hopeful and resilient "Let Me Lie," the experimental "Land Of Nod," the rocking "Pigtail," and even a cover of the Gorillaz song "Clint Eastwood."

"Corona" opens the album with a nice, catchy pop flavor. It's full of air imagery and has a circular logic to it. It's a great way to open the record,

but does nothing to prepare the listener for one of my personal favorites, the acoustically driven "Let Me Lie."

"Let Me Lie" is one of the strongest songs on the album because of its brilliant lyricism and song structure: it starts out with solo acoustic guitar, and then brings in drums and a backing vocalist.

This song drifts along seamlessly and takes the listener along a sunny bike trail. Despite the song's bright sound, it isn't that happy. Rather, "Let Me Lie" is a song of resilience and lost love.

The third track, "Frost," is perfect for cold winter days like those we have been experiencing. The loops and softly sung vocals turn this song into a kind of lullaby. Anastasio plucks his guitar effortlessly and uses his various effects pedals subtly, yet with effect.

"Land Of Nod" follows, which a strange, bass and horn-fueled experimental number that is largely instrumental. It has a great, ear-worm inducing trombone groove, as well as a

nice, methodical bass line.

Here, Anastasio employs various synthesizers and a variety of different drums to give the song a bit of a Caribbean feel. However, once the song hits about the 1:40 mark, the tune changes completely. "Land Of Nod" goes from a fiery, dancey tune to a contemplative, echoey song.

Following is the fifth track, probably my favorite on "Traveler": "Pigtail."

"Pigtail" is an extremely catchy rocker that will get stuck in your head for days. From the infectious guitar riff to the sing-a-long lyrics, "Pigtail" is a well-crafted pop tune with an edge. You can tell Anastasio is smiling through the vocals with the way he sings.

"Clint Eastwood," a Gorillaz cover, begins to wind the album down. This cover is just amazing. It captures the same feel as the original while adding a new twist: Anastasio sings the intro and refrain, while one of his female horn players/vocalists takes the rapping duties; she adds a bit of attitude



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and sass that is unique to Anastasio's cover.

The ninth track, "Valentine," is by far the most poppy track on the album, from the saccharine sweet lyrics to the drum beat. Weather imagery, a favorite of Anastasio's, is prevalent throughout the song.

"Valentine," however, isn't just a seemingly-corny, happy-go-lucky song; Anas-

tasio wrote the song after getting sober, giving "Valentine" a deeper, more complex meaning.

"Traveler" is one of my favorite albums of 2012 by a major recording artist. From the interesting instruments used, to the sheer honesty and soul in the lyrics and vocals, Trey Anastasio's 2012 success "Traveler" will not soon be forgotten.

## Recent albums underimpress with 'annoying' sounds

Lyndon Seitz  
A&E Editor

**Pigeon: Porn of My Mind**  
When I first started listening to this album I was in a good frame of mind and relaxed, happy even. Then, I listened to the entire album, and now my ears need therapy.

It is a slight variety of various punk or rock styles, except they're all done to annoy you and there is no good musicianship I can tell of on this album. At several points you will probably think your listening device is going to explode and kill you.

My recommendation is

to run away, very quickly. Do not look back and do not slow down, lest it does to your ears the torture it has done to mine.

**Jon Hopkins: Insides**

An electronica album (that sometimes goes into simply piano instrumentals) that doesn't go too far in favor of focusing on getting the basics right and not overwhelming the listener.

The tracks make the listener feel a wide array of emotions, and although sometimes they may seem anticlimactic they are satisfying on some level.

I like the album, but there probably is some other stuff like it out there and I can't imagine myself remembering it a little

while down the road. It would be great for certain situations though, and might be worth it for some people out there looking for lighter electronic music with an emphasis on the melody.

**Ian Axel: Leave Me Alone**

A voice reminiscent of Owl City accompanies music that is almost always upbeat and up-tempo, complete with empty lyrics that for the most part try and fail to be catchy.

Many of the tracks are standard pop material, almost as if a checklist was made of how many pop elements could be thrown into a single song, although others are a little more unique and definitely worth a

listen.

These tracks are "Waltz" combined with "The Music That Haunts This Town" and "Brand New Year." If you fall in love with those, you might like the album. Otherwise, you're likely best off giving it a pass.

**Of God and Science: Black Rabbit**

Here is a rock album that is a well-refined, finely tuned effort that really reaps the benefits. All of the tracks are at least passable, and many have a quality that creates a melancholy atmosphere.

In some cases, the band reminded me of Radiohead, but the band still has their own sound with the variety of things they try here. While you may

like other stuff more, I don't really see many people disliking the album if they give it a try.

**Cuff The Duke: Way Down Here**

This album is a rock/folk effort, switching back and forth between ballads and mid-tempo songs, all with roughly the same instrumentation (except for maybe switching out an electric guitar with an acoustic one).

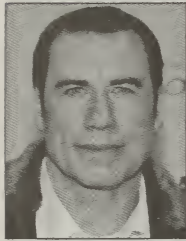
Mostly the album is nothing special and easily forgettable, although the track "The Words You Ignore" is a stand-out track, and is a rare treat in the form of a haunting acoustic ballad.

Other than that one exception, though, I can't strongly recommend it to anyone.

# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## John Travolta – Born Feb 18, 1954



Born in Englewood, New Jersey as the youngest of six children, John Joseph Travolta's rise to stardom began in television,

starting as a funnyman in 1975's popular sitcom *Welcome Back, Kotter*. To prove his range as a schooled singer, dancer and actor, Travolta pursued the lead role in 1977's *Saturday Night Fever*. The film was an immense success and single-handedly (along with the Bee Gee's soundtrack) catapulted Travolta and disco into the mainstream consciousness. His role in 1994's *Pulp Fiction* earned the actor his second Oscar nod.

(facts by of imdb.com)

## President's Day – Feb 18

This federal holiday in the U.S. was originally a commemoration to George Washington's birthday, but has gone through a few makeovers in the years since its creation. Congress originally implemented the holiday in 1879 to fall on the day of Washington's birthday annually (February 22). However, the day was shifted to the third day

in February in 1971, to better accommodate those who prefer a long weekend. However, this move meant that the holiday would never actually occur on Washington's birthday ever again. Some who noticed the day falls between Lincoln and Washington's birthday conjured the idea of a "President's Day" to celebrate each American.

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## Malcolm X – Died Feb 21, 1965

On May 19, 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska, one of the most controversial figures of the Civil Rights Movement was born. Malcolm Little (later abandoning his "slave" surname for X, in tribute to the lost name of his African ancestors) dropped out of high school at 15 and moved to Boston, selling drugs and stealing to provide for himself until he was jailed ten years for larceny. He spent his sentence reading, educating himself and joining the Nation of Islam. After his release, he traveled the country to



speak out for racial equality, at times advocating a "violent revolution." After leaving the Nation, Malcolm calmed and seemed to become open-minded to peaceful demonstrations before being gunned down in Harlem's Audubon Ballroom by members of the Nation of Islam.

(facts by of biography.com)

# Opinion: The fall of NBC Thursday night comedies

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

It may be a long time ago, but does anyone remember when Thursday night was the night for comedy on NBC?

With shows like "Frasier," "Cheers," "Seinfeld," and "Friends," NBC was the place for comedies.

Nowadays, NBC is home to two kinds of shows: mediocre 'comedies' massively promoted on-air, and critically acclaimed, excellent shows whose ratings are inexplicably poor.

Times have changed, and with popular shows such as CBS's "Big Bang Theory," Fox's "American Idol," and ABC's various dramas also on primetime, NBC cannot compete with the other networks.

Even though shows like "Community" and "Parks and Recreation" are very well written and acted comedies, they

are apparently not the comedies that NBC wants.

For the last couple of years, NBC has desperately tried to replace the Greendale Community College-set comedy with shows starring Whitney Cummings or Chelsea Handler, as well as with a flop about a veterinarian's office.

It is as if the fans of "Community" and "Parks and Recreation" are a secret club in which they know they are watching great television but no one else knows exists.

NBC has never really been behind "Community," a show created by Dan Harmon, who was fired last season after a dip in popularity.

NBC has tried to get remove the show from its schedule multiple times, even putting it on hiatus.

They also placed it on Friday night, which is always the time slot where shows go to die. "Parks and Recreation" gets a little support, but not

nearly the amount it should. Even with the wonderful Amy Poehler in the cast, NBC would still rather promote garbage like "1600 Penn."

It is a miracle that a show like "30 Rock" even got seven seasons, as NBC never really liked the show and put it in time slots that always got beat by other shows.

Even the once popular "The Office" is slipping in ratings, and is in its final season.

Moreover, "The Office" this season really hasn't been all that funny, as the show's executive producer Greg Daniels has made it a focus to showcase the documentary crew that has been filming these people.

Instead of playing this new angle in an interesting way, they are writing a stupid love triangle between the characters of Jim, Pam and Brian (the former boom mic operator).

So enjoy "Community" and "Parks and Recreation" while you can, because they will not be on the air long.

They likely will be cancelled soon and replaced by another stupid NBC comedy that is just like other so-called comedies on the rival networks, but still will never get high ratings.

Face it; great NBC comedies on Thursday are a thing of the past.

Are there any concerts going on in our area of Western MA.?

Read any good books lately? Seen any good movies?  
Even bad experiences are worth sharing

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8. Gary Allan - Set You Free

# 'A Walk to Remember': Movie vs. book

Alex Myers  
Editor-in-Chief

Ever seen a movie you just fell in love with? One of those tear-jerkers you watch because every now and then you need a good cry? A movie you could watch over and over again?

Well, I suppose I have many of those, but the one I'm referring to would be "A Walk to Remember".

The first time I saw the 2002 film featuring Shane West and Mandy Moore I cried for an hour after it was over. And yet, I still consider it one of my favorite movies.

It's hard to explain why unless, like me, you're a ball full of sappy love stuff.

But one of the reasons why I think I loved it so much is because it's based off of a Nicholas Sparks novel.

It wasn't until I went to college that I started reading again because I wanted to, not because I had to. I've read almost all of Sparks' novels and I can't get enough of the corny, predictable story lines he beautifully puts into words.

For a long time I avoided reading "A Walk to Remember" because of how much I loved the movie.

I didn't want the movie to get ruined if the book turned out to be a thousand times better. Which, usually, it is. Movies can't immerse you in a story quite like a book can.

But, finally, I purchased the book on my Kindle and read it, which brings me to my point. Before I continue, I have to say this: There will be spoilers, so if you're currently planning on reading and/or watching it please don't read on.

First, I know movies and books are different entities and you have to love them separately.

While I frequently com-

pare movies to books, I do understand why filmmakers adapt books into movies the way they do.

With this one, however, I wonder why "A Walk to Remember" the movie and "A Walk to Remember" the book are even called the same thing.

If you've seen the movie, but haven't read the book, the following differences may come as a shock. I face-palmed a few times while reading. Here goes:

1. In the movie, Landon Carter (Shane West) is a bad boy. He hangs out by the lake, gets in trouble, and is one of those jock-y, popular high school kids that bullies everyone that's not like him.

In the book, he's sort of a troublemaker but not nearly as much. Because of how much trouble he gets into in the movie, the principal orders him into drama club against his will.

In the book, he willingly takes drama instead of Chemistry. Also, he runs for student body president. The movie-version of Landon Carter would never do that.

2. This one's probably the most upsetting change for me. In the movie, Landon's dad is a doctor who is divorced from his mother and is living with someone else.

Landon hates him for it and doesn't want him around. When he realizes Jamie is sick, Landon goes to his dad for help because he's a doctor and might know someone who can help her.

He eventually does help her by paying for home care. That's when Landon reconciles with his dad.

In the book, his dad's instead a politician who is in Washington, D.C. nine months out of the year!

His parents are not divorced and the reason he doesn't have a good relationship with his father is that he's simply

not physically around. His dad does help Jamie with paying for home care just as in the film, but it doesn't have the same effect for the audience.

3. The telescope. This one hurts me a little, too. I know they probably added this to the movie for more sentimental effect, but it's not in the book. At all. And I wish it was.

Movie-Jamie really loves the stars and planets and so she built her own telescope and goes out to the cemetery at night to look at the stars.

When her and Landon start getting close, he names a star for her and stays out all night just looking at stars with her, something his old-self would never do.

As Jamie starts getting sicker, he builds her a bigger telescope so she can see the comet she's been waiting to see. It's adorable! And nonexistent in the novel.

4. Because Jamie knows she's dying, she prepares a bucket list of all the things she wants to do: Get a tattoo, be in two places at once, etc. In the movie, when Landon asks her what they are she tells him all of them except for her number one.

When she realizes she's in love with him, she finally reveals to him that it's to get married in the church where her mother grew up, where her parents were married. In the book, when Landon asks she immediately tells him her secret. No suspense.

5. Another thing that happened too quickly in the book was when Landon found out Jamie was sick.

In the movie, Landon tells her he loves her when they're out to dinner and dancing and enjoying themselves. Cut to the couple walking down the street together, where Jamie tells him the bad news and runs off crying.

In the book, it happens

all at once. He tells her he loves her and she's like oh... I have cancer.

Isn't the book supposed to be more drawn out and have more detail than the movie?

6. They do get married in both the book and movie, but it's a little different. It's not in a huge way, but it does change the situation.

Movie-Jamie is sick, but not sick enough during her wedding where she can't walk down the aisle or stand up to give the vows.

In the book, she's so sick she can barely stand and only does so to walk down the aisle with her father. It's quite sad, really; I think it would have been even more emotional. That would have been powerful to see in the movie.

The only thing I remember being the same is when Jamie told Landon not to fall in love with her, and he was sure it wasn't going to happen only to, of course, fall in love.

Before you go telling me otherwise, I know the book came first. I know Nicholas Sparks probably wrote the screenplay and I know he at least approved it.

But it's hard for me to look at them as being the same story when so much is different.

Some are minor changes and some are obvious ones that make for better film, but I honestly don't think the book was so bad that they had to change things so drastically.

So even though I was nervous about reading "A Walk to Remember," and I clearly have some problems with the story line, it doesn't change my love for the movie. I don't think anything would.

But now, that I'm somewhat over all the differences, I'm onto my next Nicholas Sparks book. Wish me luck, and hope that I don't discover any more.

## WSU track teams finish first and second at MASCAC Championships

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State University indoor track and field teams had a big weekend, with the women's team capturing the MASCAC title and the men's team placing second on Sunday, Feb. 10, at the University of Southern Maine.

On the women's side, Westfield totaled 228 points, with Worcester State finishing in second (192), followed by Bridgewater State (84) and Fitchburg State (66).

Seniors Carolyn Connolly and Rachael Cardin teamed up with junior Caitlin Ryan and sophomore Jenn Holley to set a meet and school record time of 9:57.23 in the 4 x 800 relay.

Cardin also won the 1,000-meter run in a time of 3:07.43 and finished second in the mile at 5:13.69, while Con-

nolly won the 800-meter run.

Sophomore Targie Gervais set school and MASCAC records in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.20.

Gervais also finished second in the 200-meter dash and was part of the relay team that set a school record in the 4 x 200.

Junior Marie Gulino set a school record in the 600 meter run. Gulino was also a member of the 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 relay teams, both of which finished second.

Junior Amy Auclair set a meet record in the pole vault with a height of 10-6 and freshman Naloti Palma won the shot put (38-8 1/4).

On the men's side, Westfield finished with 170 points, just behind Bridgewater State (195), and ahead of Worcester State (164) and Fitchburg State (51).

Senior Brendan Corcoran won the 400-meter dash in a



*photo by Olivia Marshall*

Westfield State seniors proudly display the MASCAC championship trophy. Left to right are: Lynsay Wray, Kelsey Nintean, Rachael Cardin, Carolyn Connolly, and Jesse Bylin.

time of 50.99 and the 800-meter run in a meet record setting time of 1:57.52.

Senior Tom Gauger was the only other individual winner

for the Owls, capturing the pole vault title at 15-1.

Senior Anthony Frisora finished second in both the 1,000 meter run and the mile

run, while junior Mike Keller finished second in both the 3,000 and the 5,000.

As a team, the Owls finished second in 10 events.

## Westfield student-athletes honored for academic success at 3.0 Reception

### WSU Athletic Department

A total of 248 Westfield State University student-athletes with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better were honored at the Director of Athletics Honor Roll 3.0 Reception on Tuesday evening, Feb. 7.

The 16th annual reception was held prior to the men's ice hockey home game vs. Framingham State at the Amelia Park Arena reception rooms.

Westfield's goal is for half of its student-athletes to obtain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, which was achieved during the fall 2012 semester with 52.6 percent of the varsity athletes (248 of 471) making the grade. Furthermore, 58.1 percent (274 of 471) of the student-athletes



*photo by David Fried*

Dr. Carlton Pickron, Westfield State University vice president of student affairs, congratulates the scholar-athletes during the 3.0 honor roll reception.

achieved a semester grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Just as notable, 11 of the 19 varsity teams achieved a team cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, led by women's volley-

ball with an impressive 3.355.

Fourteen of the 16 members of the volleyball team earned 3.0 cumulative GPAs. Women's cross country ranked a close second with a 3.550

team cumulative grade point average.

Other notable teams were: women's track and field (3.307), men's cross country (3.305), women's soccer (3.28), field hockey (3.23), women's lacrosse (3.20), men's golf (3.11), women's swimming and diving (3.06), softball (3.04), and men's track and field (3.00).

"Academics always will be a priority at Westfield and the 3.0 reception will give the athletes and the Westfield State community an opportunity to recognize the achievements and hard work put in by the student-athletes," said Westfield athletics director Richard Lenfest.

Student Athlete Affairs, formally known as the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, has helped student-athletes succeed in the classroom through

study halls and other academic programs.

"The programs we run help the student-athletes strike a balance between school work and athletics," said Westfield State associate athletic director Nancy Bals.

All freshmen athletes attend seven weeks of study hall and are also monitored through progress reports that are completed twice a semester.

"The goal is to facilitate the studying process for first year student-athletes and for them to learn how to manage their time," said Bals.

The Westfield State University athletics department emphasizes that academics come first. Student-athletes are provided handbooks to help them with time management as well as meeting academic deadlines.



# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



There's a particular stance Major League Baseball has always taken as an almost unwritten rule to play the game as it was intended. The hands that guide baseball for better or worse don't throw out ideas that could taint the game unnecessarily.

The Commissioner of the National Football League, Roger Goodell, and his esteemed colleagues are allowing their ambiguous desires to run away far beyond their job descriptions. It seems every month I'm reading another memo from the NFL office in Manhattan, New York regarding significant changes to how the game is being played.

With this being said, I would be ill-mannered to say Goodell and his crew haven't made positive changes since he took the position in 2006.

Goodell's intentions are pure and his agenda is set for the greater good of the league and its future.

While in office the Commissioner has made a number of changes for the better: he brought the NFL Draft to primetime television, has held people accountable for breaking the rules by routinely fining players and coaches, and implemented the Rooney Rule regarding minority coaching candidates.

Recently, reports have surfaced that the NFL is considering widening the field up to 35 feet in effort to make the game safer.

The league seems to lose sight of the implications that radical ideas such as these could have on the game. Not only are stadiums built for a standard American football

field width of 160 feet, but also the structure of the game would be transformed, making it easier to get around the edge.

Implications resulting from this change would far exceed what the league initially intended.

It's believed the idea stems from the success the Canadian Football League has had in terms of fewer collisions with their 195-foot field width. With this change the NFL would be emulating at best a second rate league that mounts their field goal posts in play.

At the start of the 2011 season a new rule was added on kickoffs, putting the ball at the 35 rather than the 30-yard line in hopes to increase touchbacks so fewer collisions would occur. In the first year of the new rule, the league saw a drop in kickoffs fielded by over

26 percent.

If that wasn't enough, Goodell has considered eliminating special teams play for good.

Under the new system, teams would retain possession of the football after a scoring drive and face a fourth-and-15 situation from their own 30-yard line. Goodell credited Buccaneers coach Greg Schiano with coming up with the idea.

These extreme moves would be tampering with America's most watched sport, causing fans to question the likeability of a league that has enjoyed so much success.

We're seeing this notion rear its ugly head with referees almost interpreting every hard hit as unnecessary roughness, awarding undeserved yardage to the offense each game.

MLB Commissioner

Bud Selig could provide information worth hearing to a league trying to transition itself into a safer game Selig's old school persona has rubbed off on baseball, preserving the original elements the game was founded on.

The bottom line is that football is fundamentally a violent sport meant to produce hard-hitting plays.

It's not the NFL's job to apologize to the players who make the conscious decision to play such a brutal game. Players know what they are signing up for when they come to work every day.

Goodell's best bet is to stick with what earned him Paul Tagliabue's approval for the job, which revolves around his involvement with the business aspect of the league.

## Opinion: It's time to lower your expectations, Red Sox fans

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

What I am about to say may sound like blasphemy, but it's something that all Red Sox fans need to hear.

The Sox are going to be bad this year, plain and simple. It's something that many New Englanders hate to hear because we have this false illusion as fans that every year's team will be a contender.

While other teams in the division got better, the Red Sox did nothing. The Sox have not been doing a great job with recent front office moves.

They've been investing too much time on signing players to huge contracts and trad-

ing top prospects away.

So what about this year's team?

Boston will most likely finish in last place in the AL East, as the Rays have an influx of young talent and the Blue Jays made out like bandits in acquiring R.A. Dickey, Mark Buerhle and Jose Reyes in trades.

The Orioles have a nice young pitching staff and the Yankees' offense will always produce runs in the regular season despite mysteriously vanishing in the postseason.

Meanwhile the Red Sox brought in Shane Victorino, Stephen Drew and Mike Napoli to join Pedroia, Ortiz, Middlebrooks and Ellsbury, who will most likely be traded this year as he is in the last year of his contract and won't re-sign

with Boston.

The pitching staff has one reliable starter in Jon Lester to go along with the always-inconsistent Clay Buchholz returning from injury, Ryan Dempster, Felix Doubront and chicken wing eater John Lackey.

This staff is not one that will eat up innings and help the bullpen out, as each of them are consistent high pitch, low inning guys.

The bullpen is in disarray as well, as the Sox are throwing out Andrew Bailey and recently acquired Joel Hanrahan, who will try to beat out Daniel Bard for the closer job.

If there is one thing fans should get excited about, it's in the minor leagues where the Sox have some good young prospects. While I don't expect

these guys to play any big roles this season, the future is bright.

The Red Sox have the fifth best prospect according to ESPN's Keith Law in shortstop Xander Bogaerts who is a great defensive player. He is probably a year and half away from making an impact in the big leagues.

The strength of the farm system is really in the pitching staff, where the Red Sox have Henry Owens and former

UConn pitcher Matt Barnes in the low levels of their farm system.

Therefore, if you're a Red Sox fan hoping for new manager John Farrell to provide a spark for the team then you are out of luck.

This team will be looking toward the future as players like Ellsbury and Ortiz will be gone, while they try to build around Pedroia, Middlebrooks and Lester.



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That bird on your windowsill earlier, do you remember it? You weren't supposed to. You weren't supposed to remember any of it. Please, forget it, and forget me. None of this was supposed to happen. You will not remember this week. The council has spoken.

**Pisces**  
(Feb. 20 - March 20)  
Don't give out too much personal information this week, or else the people in the robes and worse yet, telemarketers, might try and use it for themselves.

**Aries**  
(March 21 - April 20)  
If you think a Black Hawk helicopter is secretly hovering outside of your window, monitoring your every movement at all times of the day, it's probably unfounded. That feeling you are being monitored, however, is possibly rooted in reality.

**Taurus**  
(April 21 – May 21)  
You will be a fly on the wall for the world surrounding you this week, and the information you acquire will be of great value to the right people.

**Gemini**  
(May 22 – June 21)  
You will have a force watching over you and protecting you this weekend, and you will be able to accomplish whatever you wish to if you are willing to take the plunge.

**Cancer**  
(June 22 – July 22)  
The ways in which the world will be turning against you this week are varied and countless, but if you make it through this week there is always a hope that things will turn around for you. No matter what the heavens throw at you, tough it out.

**Leo**  
(July 23 – August 23)  
The strangeness surrounding your life will be winding up and heading toward a climax soon. The masked stranger in your life will be revealed soon, and you may be surprised at the identity of your follower.

**Virgo**  
(August 24 – September 22)  
You may find yourself tempted by false predictors such as tarot readings, numerology, and science. Don't be fooled, though, as only the stars can predict your future. Please don't abandon the stars, they love you and they need you.

**Libra**  
(September 23 – October 22)  
The universe has been watching you, watching you very closely, and it thinks you will be ready very soon. It will be taking you to your destiny quickly with great strength.

**Scorpio**  
(October 23 – November 21)  
There is a place where your name is being spoken of a lot this week. You need to find this place and then discover whether they are singing your praises or planning your demise.

**Sagittarius**  
(November 22 – December 21)  
Look to your left. Now your right. Then look straight forward, but glance to the left three times and then quickly swing your head down. The answer for this week lies there.

**Capricorn**  
(December 21 – January 20)  
There is a person in your life that you are attracted to, whether you know it or not. You will naturally gravitate to that person, and there will be absolutely nothing you can do about it.



"Gee, if you're so tired of seeing me, then stop calling me in here!"  
- Eva • New Mexico



"What a relief to finally be out of that maze."  
- edberger • NY, NY



"OMG...! Am I pregnant?"  
- Heck Finn • MO

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- Must submit two completed reference forms from a college faculty or staff member including narrative comments.
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# The Westfield Voice

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## RD of Lammers displays work in Arno Maris Gallery

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

Around the Westfield State campus, he is known as the Resident Director of Lammers Hall. But soon, the WSU community will recognize Omarthan Clarke's name for more than just his duty to Residential Life.

Clarke, who earned his BFA from Westfield State in 2007, is presenting his artwork in a new exhibit called "Nostalgia: It's Not Always Black and White." The exhibit will be shown in the Arno Maris Gallery until March 2nd.

Clarke discovered his passion for art at an early age. Growing up in the inner city of Springfield, he said that to keep occupied, he had to get creative. He picked up a pencil and he never stopped.

Clarke knew that he wanted to pursue a career in art, but he also knew that he did not want to go down the "starving artist" route. In his junior year at Westfield State, Clarke decided to pursue a career in art education.

"The courses at Westfield helped to provide the knowledge of past and current practices in the Arts and Education," Clarke said. "With that, I felt a strong

connection to the mission of educating the youth through visual arts."

In 2009, Clarke was awarded the chance to become a solo artist. Dr. Christina Swaidan of the art department challenged him to create work that would illustrate the "African American double-consciousness." The exhibit, called the "The Seventh Son: Two Unreconciled Strivings," displayed at the Westfield State Downtown Rinova art gallery in September 2009.

Since then, Clarke has had his art shown at many different exhibits and festivals, including The Springfield PULSE Art Space, The Northampton Festival for the Arts, and the Indian Orchard Hills Annual Fall Art Exhibition. In 2011, Clarke's work was featured in a student-run event at Westfield State University. The exhibit was called "Soul Café."

"[Soul Café] was a youthful/trendy celebration of the soulful forms of expression that is birthed from the inner-city. My submissions were a fraction of the beautiful montage of performances," Clarke said.

Nostalgia is completely Clarke's work. Each piece depicts his views and life experiences. All of the pieces in the exhibit are oil paint on canvas-Clarke's preferred medium.

According to Clarke, this exhibition was inspired by his "reflection upon a series of phases in my life that have deeply impacted my current outlook on daily life."

Clarke wishes viewers to see his work as a representation of his "unique experience as a man of African descent."

"This title and exhibition is a result of me coming to terms with the fact that not all impactful experiences can be dissected and/or clearly interpreted. It's not always 'black and white,'" he said.

Clarke said that beyond promoting study and critical thinking when it comes to the arts, one of the other initiatives for his exhibition is to celebrate Black History Month. On the right side of the gallery is the work in which Clarke reflects upon the "Black Experience."

One of the pieces titled "Black is the Color" is a tribute to singer/songwriter and civil rights activist, Nina Simone. By creating this piece, Clarke said that he is "recognizing her beautiful music and inspiring acts of advocacy."

Omar Clarke creates all these pieces of work in the living room of his apartment in Lammers. Clarke said that his job does not interfere with creating his art.

"One of the many benefits



*photo by Voice Staff*

Omarthan Clarke's artwork is currently on display in Ely Hall's Arno Maris Gallery, located on the second floor of the building.

to being a member of the Westfield State community and the Department of Residential Life is the amount of flexibility provided for professional develop-

ment and community involvement," he said. "With my duties clearly held as my highest priority, I have been successfully managing both."

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# Quick Hits

## Friday, February 22

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Vagina Monologues  
Dever Stage

11:00p.m.

Brown Bag Bingo  
The Nest

## Saturday, February 23

2:00p.m.

MTG and SGA pres-  
ents: Changing Minds  
Juniper Park

8:00p.m.

Comedian: Adam  
Mamawala  
The Nest

11:00p.m.

Brown Bag Bingo  
The Nest

## Sunday, February 24

9:00p.m.

Celtics vs. Portland  
The Nest

## Campus Police Log

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02/03/13	1155	BURGLARY (B&E) DAVIS HALL LAPTOP TAKEN FROM ROOM UNDER INVESTIGATION	
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02/08/13	2125	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(DRUGS)	COMMUTER LOT
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Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



## Update from Student Government

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

Tuesday night SGA had two guest speakers. First, Cynthia Siegler, the Director of the International Programs Department, spoke about the study abroad programs and national program exchanges that Westfield State University offers.

To check out the webpage

go to [www.westfield.ma.edu/educationabroad](http://www.westfield.ma.edu/educationabroad).

Senior Torie Downs came to talk about a survey that will be distributed to First Year students and graduating seniors.

It is called the National Survey of Student Engagement. It will take 15 minutes to complete and the data will provide WSU information to improve the undergraduate experience.

Stephanie Close, Presi-

dent of SGA, spoke for Michelle Hanney, the VP of Programming, who is currently at NACA Nationals. This Thursday, February 21, 2013, WSU's Got Talent will be in Dever Auditorium and Stage at 7:30.

The Student Government's next is Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 5:30 in the SGA room located in the garden level of Ely, next to Dunkin Donuts. All meetings are open to the public.

## Opinion: Fleron's class 'inspirational'

**Abigail Monette**  
Voice Reporter

Throughout my years in grade school, I have never been good at math. It was boring, and filled with memorizing equations that would be drilled into our heads day in and day out.

When I came to Westfield, I procrastinated taking a math class, mainly because of was scared I was of how hard it would be, and I knew I would fail at it. My first day of Math

Explorations with Dr. Julian Fleron scared the crap out of me. Looking at the guy, I thought immediately he was going to be drilling math problems into our brains until they exploded.

However, I came to learn his approach to teaching Mathematics is quite unique. Dr. Fleron uses hands on approach with teaching. He lets us do all the thinking, and have freedom with our learning.

His class is hard work, but you don't realize how hard your brain is working because you

are having so much fun. I've learned more in his few weeks of math class that I've had so far than I did throughout grade school.

His technique of allowing the kids to do hands on projects to learn the material is an incredible way to get our brains involved without sitting through a boring lecture. I would like to recognize him as an inspirational Mathematician and a phenomenal teacher who understands the way our brains are willing to work.

## Coffey Break with Lilly Nevin

by *Kylie Coffey*



Hometown: Edgartown, MA  
Major: Sociology

1. Do you have a nickname? What is it?  
Bill! Bill! Bill!

2. What is your favorite thing to cook?  
Chicken Alfredo.

3. What do you miss when you're at school?  
The ocean. I live on Martha's Vineyard. The sounds of the waves crashing.

4. What is your favorite Chick Flick?  
27 Dresses because I love weddings. I believe in the storyline too.

5. How do you take your coffee?  
Caramel ice latte with skim milk and sugar.

6. Did you give up anything for Lent?  
I'm trying to give up drinking and arguing.

7. Who do you think "A" is?  
I don't think Allison is really dead, so I think it's her.

8. Zebra or Leopard Print? Why?  
Leopard print any day of the week. Leopard is my favorite animal!

If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.

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# Republican Club to CPAC

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

For five Westfield State students, their Spring Break will be held at the Conservative Political Action Conference, CPAC, in National Harbor, Maryland.

The five students, each a member of the newly-formed Republican Club, include freshman Joshua Minardi, sophomores Joshua Clark and Victoria Hunt, and juniors Chris Miller and Peter Sauriol.

The chaperone attending the conference with the students is Denise Reed, an adjunct professor from the Mathematics Department and one of the club's advisors.

The idea to attend the conference was sprouted from WSU's Republican Club sitting in on a meeting of the Republican Club at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The first hurdle that the

club needed to clear was determining the costs of the trip and where the funds would come from. The cost of the conference tickets is \$40.

The hotel rooms cost \$125 per night, which means that they'd have to pay \$1,125 for the total hotel costs. Gasoline was figured to be about \$110.

To bring down the out-of-pocket costs for the students, the club appealed to the Student Government Association with an original proposal that lacked a chaperone and some extra costs.

When the chaperone was added and the extra costs were trimmed down, the proposal put forth to the SGA Finance Committee was \$1,626.86. The Finance Committee met for the final proposal meeting the Tuesday after Snowstorm Nemo passed through, and approved their proposal.

When the SGA Senate put the proposal to a vote, it passed unanimously, excluding abstentions, and the funds were

transferred to the club's account upon the approval of that meeting's minutes on February 19th.

The club's goal is to create a more balanced campus ideology and is currently working on a platform that will be used to highlight the group's positions on certain self-identified issues of the day. They are also working on having local Massachusetts politicians appear at future meetings.

At the last meeting of the fall semester, state representative Don Humason talked with the students in attendance about a wide variety of issues.

They are looking at welcoming state senator Mike Knapik, state representative Dan Baldyga, and state representative Don Humason to appear at meetings to discuss the impending State House battle to create the balanced budget.

The meetings of the Westfield State Republican Club are Thursdays at 4:00 at the Tekoa Room within the Dining Commons.

## Editor's Desk



*"No, this is not the beginning of a new chapter in my life; this is the beginning of a new book! That first book is already closed, ended, and tossed into the seas; this new book is newly opened, has just begun! Look, it is the first page! And it is a beautiful one!"*

- C. JoyBell C.

This is a good outlook to have for all of us seniors who are graduating this semester. I keep forgetting to pass in my diploma form and every time I think about it, it's so surreal!

Speaking of new beginnings, in a sense, Rob and I are in a competition for cutest couple! If you go to "To The Moon & Back Photography" (facebook.com/tothemoonbackphotography) you can find our picture and "like" it and we will win money! It will only take a second and we'll really, really, really appreciate it!

Have a good weekend!

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# Commuter Council report

**Luis Arzola**  
Voice Reporter

There are a lot of things happening related to the Commuter Council on the Westfield State campus.

The group is holding regular meetings and gaining new members so the Council is certainly very lively.

The Executive Board of the Commuter Council would like to thank all of the students who stopped by and showed the Council support during the Valentine's Day fundraiser.

The Commuter Council is going to be giving out key chains by helping, participating, or attending meetings, lun-

cheons, and other events.

The first Commuter Luncheon held in the Dining Commons last week was a great success, and the Council is looking forward to holding more of these events for commuters and for anybody interesting in what the Council is doing on campus.

There is also great news for all of the commuters that ride the PVRTA bus to campus.

The Council has been working hard to negotiate a deal, with the cooperation of Susan Lamontagne and others in the campus community, to provide full bus passes to all interested.

These bus passes are available at the Campus Center Service Window in Ely and in

Wilson by the Commuter Café. They hold all of the same benefits as the traditional bus passes offered to Westfield State students, but they can also be used to transfer buses upon arrival at the Springfield bus terminal.

The Council is looking for representatives to serve as Representatives to the Student Government Association.

The voice of the commuters needs to be heard and represented on the SGA Senate. If you are interested in becoming an SGA Senator, or in any of the activities of the Commuter Council, please send an email to larzola2366@westfield.ma.edu.

The Commuter Council meets regularly on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room.

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# Miss Sweets 'a source of warmth'

**Anna Tomczyk**  
Voice Reporter

When driving down the long and winding Russell Road in Westfield MA, a humble specialty chocolate and pastry shop can be found just outside the center of the small New England town. This unusual independent business is cradled in a petite shop with a black and white striped overhang, just below the pink and white harlequin patterned sign reading "Miss Sweets."

Inside, intricate black and white wallpaper embellishes the walls, bearing swirling words such as "fudge," "coffee" and "brownies." Luminous pink cylindrical and chandelier-ornamented lamps suspend from a unique ceiling. Light pink sheets billow in a waves above, as if someone had spread large helpings of icing across the sky of this confection wonderland.

"It inspires dreams of chocolate," the owner explained with a grin from behind the front counter.

This knowledgeable and well-composed woman, Tracy Gillespie, is the owner of Miss Sweets. Accented by a pink shirt and a black apron, she is found packaging her products and tying bows with the help of one of her young female workers.

They are surrounded by an array of home made fudge and pastries, chocolates imported from Belgium and Switzerland, coffee and ice cream.

Her deep chestnut eyes glisten as she cheerfully asks, "Can I help you?"

Mackenzie Doyle, a Westfield State student, said, "It is what it is, she's Miss Sweet."

This business, though small and unknownst to many, is highly respected by numerous college students, locals and passers by.

Ginny Cummings, another

WSU student, said, "Ms. Sweets is the best coffee in Westfield; always greeted with a smile and treated like a friend, I would recommend it to anyone in the area."

In contrast to all of the local big business coffee and pastry shops, Miss Sweets strives to provide high quality products at an affordable price. A hand made muffin costs \$1.25, less than one of Dunkin Donuts manufactured muffins at \$1.69.

All coffee is organic and fair trade; the ever-popular iced coffees are sold in biodegradable plastic cups that are made from corn. At only \$1.75 per iced coffee, these delicious beverages are affordable to the numerous college students who pass by daily.

Miss Sweets composts all of their coffee grounds, and uses gift bags made from 70% post consumer recycled materials. Hot cups are made from paper not foam, and all tea is organic from Numi, which uses soy-based inks in their products.

Because the products are not mass-produced, they are pure and delicious, while also environmentally conscious.

Gillespie said ideas for such a sweet business rose surprisingly while she was a traveling salesperson, venturing across the globe selling tools.

While in Italy, she would often visit the local chocolatier, Sticcoli's, for a well-deserved reward. In Italy, dedicated shops, like Sticcoli's, make their own chocolates and treats, and would always be full of people after a long day.

The atmospheres of such places were "familiar and comforting" Gillespie said. "Chocolate is chocolate no matter where you are in the world."

Tracy had been traveling on the road for 180 days one year, and after a bad road trip in the Carolinas, she made a call home. She had finally decided that she didn't want to continue

as a traveling salesperson, and wanted to open up her own chocolate shop instead.

She spent the next six months researching chocolate shops and visiting them while on road trips, learning about various ideas and products.

Now that her business is up and running, Gillespie is currently enrolled in a chocolate school. If things go well for her next year, she will be going to Belgium to study under a Belgian chocolatier.

Gillespie explained that Belgians are very strict and traditional about their chocolate making, which would make this an exciting opportunity for any chocolate shop owner.

When asked about the pitfalls of owning and maintaining a small business in Westfield, Gillespie explained that any small business owner has to just do their best and hope that success will come.

She believes that Westfield is a successful area for business with lots of great opportunities, but a lot of people don't see it that way.

Gillespie believes that shops like her own can do well in a hurting economy because they are a source of warmth and comfort.

People can give themselves a well-deserved treat, while her products also make great gifts. Her unique chocolate-based products have a good chance against much of the competition, especially because a number of them are hand made in the shop.

Student Ryan Bullis said, "With delicious shade grown organic coffee that even the most broke of college students can afford, and tasty treats that could satisfy any sweet tooth, small local businesses have never tasted so good."

"A visit to Ms. Sweets is like visiting a friends house where you always feel welcome and leave with a smile."

## Editor's Desk



Hello readers!

I'm back to my normal self this week - the Maroon 5 concert is over and all that's left is to tell you all about it.

I did write an article for this issue, so look at that for more details, but in short it was incredible. Though we were a little disappointed in our seats at first (because of how much we paid!), that faded when the concert started and we fell in love with Maroon 5 and Adam Levine all over again.

But now, we're back and each day the excitement from Saturday is wearing off. Soon, we'll be back to our normal selves just jamming out to Maroon 5 in the office fantasizing about New York City.

Thanks for reading! Have a wonderful weekend :)

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# Mountain towns of Route 20 Russell

By: Adam Forziati  
Voice Reporter

This will be the start of a series entitled "Mountain Towns of Route 20," covering the small towns along route 20 West. Rarely are the places covered that have real stories to tell: beyond the typical business, crime, and social conflict stories of urban establishment and the surrounding suburbs, there lies rattlesnakes, raging rivers, and the dimly-lit street corners that shine in places that otherwise would be left in the dark.

So for those of you who have ever driven through Westfield center and caught a glimpse of the 20 West sign, or have come to the end of Lloyds Hill road and wondered: "what's down that way?" The answer is: more than you'd think.

Across from Main Street in Russell, a quarter-mile down Carrington Road, flows a continuous source of drinking water for countless residents of the Route 20 area. Some have only drank it for a few years; others can't remember a time when their glasses weren't filled by a rusty spigot near the quiet hill town.

They bring with them plastic bottles and other ves-

sels packed tight in the trunks of their cars to last the week, only to return to the outer edge of Russell again soon.

Helen Allyn of Montgomery, Mass., has been returning for about five years. She lives atop a nearby mountain, and ever since a housing development was put in, Allyn said the quality of her water has decreased significantly.

"Our water has a reddish appearance now that it didn't have before," she said. "The development of buildings has worsened the water source; whereas the [Carrington Road] spring has no immediate buildings around it."

Allyn is one of many that utilize Russell for one purpose or another. It is of no doubt that just as many people would consider it important to keep track of Russell's natural resources, considering they have kept the town alive since its technical founding in 1792.

The original settlers of what is now called Russell were the two Barber brothers, who in 1741 were scouting for inexpensive land. They found Glasgow Mountain, then part of Westfield, and after developing a church and schoolhouse

sought after gaining township.

Nothing remains of the original settling save a few gravestones, for it was not long after its founding that the town moved from the top of a mountain to the more economical location of the valley. There, alongside the Westfield River, the community responded to the societal changes about to take place.

Though the days of living strictly off the land virtually ended with the oncoming of the Industrial Revolution, most of Russell's prime business output was always water-powered industry. By 1831, the town had dotted into villages centered around the use of the river for profit making.

The prosperity of the 1858 Chapin and Gould mill, the first paper mill in the area, established a competition that saw the construction of three paper mills in three different villages by the advent of the 20th century.

1914 saw the founding of Strathmore Paper Company by renowned philanthropist Horace A. Moses. Though the factory changed hands many times in the course of next eighty years, the word "Strathmore"



photo by Adam Forziati

can still be seen from Route 20 on the side of the factory's steam stack.

Some attribute Russell's closely-knit community to the work of Moses, who sponsored many programs and was appointed head of the Junior Achievement program. According to Pat Brooks, who is on the Russell Historic Commission, is responsible for the town's census, and works at Westfield State's dining commons, Russell's community continues to be a pleasant community to live in.

"I'm so glad my kids grew up here. It's a quiet com-

munity where everybody knows everybody," Brooks said. "I remember when you didn't have to worry where your car keys were because you could always leave them in the ignition."

Though the positive social aspect of the community seems to have solidified, questionable business practices and a declining number of mills began to fiscally damage Russell after Moses died in 1947. Then, Strathmore changed hands to Hammermill Company, which some former workers now criticize.

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## Westfield's Monster FroYo robbed

Joshua Clark  
Online Editor

Monster FroYo, the frozen yogurt stand that opened last year by the Westfield Shops, was robbed early Saturday afternoon.

According to the three employees on duty that day, a Hispanic male around his mid-30's entered the establishment where two employees were in

the backroom and one was in the restroom. He went into the backroom to gain the employees' attention and started asking questions about pricing and flavors.

When he decided he asked enough, he told them that he had a gun and that there was no reason for anyone to get hurt. He did not produce the gun at that time. He demanded that the store manager give him all of the cash in the register, and

upon the manager's compliance, he requested that the employees count to 100 before getting up or face getting shot.

When the assailant left the establishment, the manager called the Westfield Police, who are currently pursuing some leads.

If anybody in the Westfield State community has any information for the police, don't hesitate to call their non-emergency line at 413-562-5411.

## THERE'S MORE TO THESE STORIES!

To read the rest of "Mountain Towns of Route 20: Russell" and scroll through the photo slideshow, go online to [westfieldvoice.com](http://westfieldvoice.com).



# Competency and Conservatism: It's called leadership, Mr. President

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

During last week's State of the Union Address, I had two distinct thoughts go through my head. The first was that I was possibly listening to the greatest orator of the twenty-first century. The second was that I was being hoodwinked.

President Obama is a marvelous speaker, with awe inspiring rhetorical devices. He is also a good and decent man. But, he isn't being entirely honest.

Hope and change morphed into illegal drone strikes and executive orders. The man who inspired millions of Americans to believe, yet again, in the spirit of America has done a lackluster job grasping with reality.

It started with a speech calling for an end to disillusionment; decrying an America

based on red and blue factions. However over a course of four years, President Obama has forgotten that promise for decency. One could hardly believe him when he talked about bipartisanship. His call for an end to rancor is marked with snarky sound bites and attacks against Republicans.

Every other sentence out of his mouth is a baseless attack against Republicans. Now, don't get me wrong.

I'll admit my side has not exactly been all warm and fuzzy. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker John Boehner have not made things easy.

The Republican strategy of do-nothing but force the Democrats' hand and act as obstructionists has worked. It undoubtedly hurt the Democrats and gave Republicans control of the House in 2010.

The point is that President Obama claimed he was above

those very gimmicks. He would rise to the occasion, the silver tongued savior and his natural gift could stop all gridlock. It hasn't worked because his elitist mentality doesn't bode well for compromise. The President might not have been a bomb thrower, but that doesn't mean he isn't culpable.

Let's not forget that politics is a messy business. The founders understood the legislature would be a battlefield of interposing ideas.

Great moments in history are marked with wild legislative sessions. It seems Obama has forgotten something he should have learned in Politics 101.

What he should be doing is providing substantive leadership. Of course leadership has not been one of his strong suits.

Mostly, because he has little experience leading others. He prefers to lecture his opponents, which grows intransigent and makes them dislike

him even more.

Looking back at the State of the Union, it was merely another lecture. He gave his usual talking points about ending partisanship and solving the big problems. It was laden with emotional appeals to members of congress to take action. The problem is that he doesn't even have one plan for how to enact any of his ideas. It happened with the Affordable Care Act and it will happen again.

The President rather eloquently talks to a problem and lashes Congress for its failure to act on something. He then criticizes their plan as not living up to his standards and eventually signs it into law. Mark my words, if comprehensive immigration fails to pass this congress the blame will lie squarely with the President.

Congress has actually made a great effort to put a plan together and just the other day the President felt it his duty to

threaten Congress if they don't act fast enough.

President Obama simply doesn't understand how to get things done. His actions might make for good politics of self-preservation, but, in the final summation, it amounts to nothing. The President needs to lead, but he also needs to be specific. Maybe he should have spent a few more years in the United States Senate.

But I have a quick fix for his problems. It's called action. Do what you preach in your speeches Mr. President, and maybe history will treat you fairly. I won't always agree with the President, but that doesn't mean I wouldn't respect him for his efforts to improve a country that all of us love.

Henry Ford once said, "Don't find fault, find a remedy." President Obama ought to heed this advice, because even simple acts are more important than eloquent words.

## Scott Brown speaks at Amherst event

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

There was an interesting event at Amherst College that was a unique opportunity for those of us here in Western Mass. Scott Brown and performer Tony Melendez spoke in front of a small crowd at Johnson Chapel on the Amherst College campus. Three Westfield State students attended the event: myself, Victoria Hunt, and Peter Sauriol.

Tony Melendez was not a political figure himself, unlike Scott Brown. Melendez is an armless guitarist who sings and plays a guitar with his feet; his backup players are called "Toe Jam Gang" appropriately enough.

Melendez and his family immigrated to the United States from Nicaragua during

one of the multiple trips he made to Los Angeles for surgeries on his club foot when he was young.

His career was launched in 1986, when he was playing the guitar during a Papal procession and then Pope John Paul II decided he had to meet him; all of this happened on television, and thus a star was born.

The event, titled "The Resurgence of the Republican Party," was intended to refuel the Republican Party here in Massachusetts.

Melendez also spoke at length during the event, not so much about politics, but about following your dreams and fulfilling your potential. He cited himself as a perfect example of what you can achieve in life.

Brown continued this theme when he spoke about his rough childhood and how his

life changed at the age of 12 when he was caught stealing; and the judge he went before helped him realize the error of his ways.

Brown also spoke at length about the bipartisan nature of his senate career, forged by his need to do the right thing regardless of party politics. He encouraged his audience to look up the voting records of senators and congressmen who claim bipartisanship, yet vote over 90% with the party line.

He claimed a 50/50 voting record during his time in the U.S. Senate, making him the most bipartisan senator in the chamber.

His philosophy on voting was summed up by saying he actually reads the bills, which he said most senators don't do, and then voting how he felt about the bill overall. Overall, it was an interesting event.

## Route 20 towns: Russell

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Ask a Russell native what he or she thinks their hometown has to offer, and they're liable to laugh and say "well, its pretty up here."

They'll take a moment before saying that too, because apart from a few shops and tradespeople, Russell's industrial life is currently stagnant at best.

The Texon Int. factory, Russell's last remaining sign of industry after the other two mills closed, moved away last December, moving production to Asia. According to Michael Donovan, Associate Editor of the Country Journal this will mean an increased tax rate in order to make up the difference.

"The town will have to make up the difference in the cost for its now closed elementary school," Brooks said. The school, which was originally

to be restored, was ultimately shut down two years ago. The money that was originally raised for its restoration, Brooks said, will have to be covered by town taxpayers. In the meantime, children attend Littleville Elementary School in nearby Huntingdon.

But not all residents of Russell are discouraged by the recent downward-facing economy. If anything, it gives them ideas. Take for example the "Festival of Lights" ceremony. For the past three years, the Russell fire department in conjunction with those of surrounding towns including Huntingdon, Blandford, and even Holyoke, adorn their trucks with lights and parade down Main Street.

As for the years ahead, Richardson said he also had a few ideas.

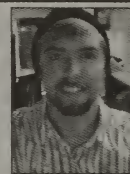
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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

*Ramblings from a Noninterventionist*

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



President Obama's 2013 State of the Union Address was held last Tuesday, Feb 12. Rather than spend the majority of this column dissecting the annual speech as I've done in the past, I'll just share a few of my thoughts on Obama's fifth State of the Union.

In what was probably the best State of the Union Address of his presidency, Obama used the speech as a launching pad for his second term agenda.

Similar to his inaugural address, the president wasn't afraid to show his liberal side – only this time, the television viewing audience had the pleasure of watching Republicans shake their heads and sit on their hands throughout many of Obama's proposed initiatives.

House Speaker John Boehner looked miserable as usual and didn't clap for proposals on issues such as job creation that all Americans should be able to rally behind. I'll never understand why our government has become focused more on politics than actual legislation and why bipartisanship is seemingly a crime in Washington.

Anyway, the epitome of hyper-partisanship may have come when the television cameras cut to a woman sitting down and shaking her head in disgust as the president talked about equal pay for women.

While I haven't seen the identity of this woman revealed on any news outlet, her on-camera head shaking was all over my Twitter news feed. I'm going to go out on a limb and assume that she's a Republican, but how could anyone in their right mind, man or woman (but especially a woman), be opposed to equal pay for equal work?

Other than discussing equal pay, Obama talked about enacting climate change legislation and comprehensive immigration reform, raising the federal minimum wage to better meet the current poverty line, increasing the availability of early education for children, and initiating a number of job growth proposals in manufacturing and infrastructure to improve the economy.

The president also mentioned foreign policy concerns such as Afghanistan and North Korea. But Obama saved the most riveting part of his speech for the end.

In the most emotional display I've seen during a State of the Union Address, Obama personalized the issues of gun control and gun violence with the simple phrase, "They deserve a vote."

The president acknowledged the parents of Hadiya Pendleton, the 15-year-old Chicago girl who performed during Obama's inauguration and was then shot and killed a week later in an apparent mistaken gun shooting.

"Hadiya's parents, Nat and Cleo, are in this chamber tonight, along with more than two dozen Americans whose lives have been torn apart by gun violence," Obama said. "They deserve a vote."

Obama knows that extensive gun control legislation will be difficult, if not impossible, to pass. But he made the issue the centerpiece of his address and the moment of the speech that will remain in the minds of all Americans as the president enters his second term in office.

As #TheyDeserveAVote exploded in the Twitter world, I saw a tweet that 1,775 people

had been killed by a gun since the Newtown massacre.

People were once again talking about gun control and gun violence in America.

Despite a reluctant Congress, where members of both political parties are afraid to take on the NRA, more and more citizens seem to be supporting legislation such as universal background checks, bans on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and closing the gun show loophole.

Obama called out Congress because he wants legislators to go on the record and vote on these bills.

"If you want to vote no, that's your choice," Obama said. "But these proposals deserve a vote. Because in the two months since Newtown, more than a thousand birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries have been stolen from our lives by a bullet from a gun."

Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and her husband, retired Navy Captain and astronaut Mark Kelly, recently launched Americans for Responsible Solutions (ARS) "to encourage elected officials to stand up for solutions to prevent gun violence and protect responsible gun ownership."

During a Sunday morning interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Kelly said that ARS will challenge the NRA head on to push for sensible gun control legislation.

I said before that if the Newtown shootings can't lead to common sense gun control legislation in America than nothing ever will.

The ability of anyone to successfully take on the NRA seems bleak, and if political commentator Bill Maher is right, gun legislation won't do

anything to solve the current "gun problem" in the United States (and isn't that a sad thought).

Maher called the United States the "gun country" where Americans are proud of their "gun culture."

According to Maher, no legislation can alter the systematic cultural problem of gun violence that exists in America.

And as I've watched PBS cover the Newtown tragedy and gun control issues extensively this week, it's clear that supporters of gun control legislation and advocates of gun rights are a world apart in how they see the issue of gun violence in America. (One side thinks less guns overall would make our streets safer while the other side thinks more guns are needed in the hands of law abiding citizens for protection from the bad guys.)

It's clear that guns are engrained in the fabric of the United States of America, and there are no easy answers to this divisive issue in the gun capital of the world.

But none of that will stop President Obama from taking on the gun control issue, or other "liberal" issues like climate change and immigration reform for that matter.

I was reading an MSNBC article the other day where historian Douglas Brinkley, who participated in a panel discussion at Westfield State last semester, said that President Obama will look to his last four years in office to define his legacy.

That raises an interesting question: Four years from now, and decades into the future for that matter, what will Barack Obama's legacy be?

Obama has been com-

pared to Abraham Lincoln on countless occasions in the media, and Obama has talked about Lincoln as his favorite president.

As Brinkley said, Obama has already accomplished much during his presidency (despite what many conservative commentators say) and depending on what happens during this last term, Obama could very well go down as one of the greatest American presidents.

The president, as an avid historian himself, will no doubt be looking to these last four years as the opportunity to solidify his legacy: gun control, immigration reform, job growth, and climate change legislation look to be at the top of his list.

On a side note, the president took a couple of days off last weekend to play some golf down in Florida. As an avid golf fan (I'm waiting for this snow to melt so I can go out and play) I loved seeing the fact that Obama took a couple of days off and even got to play a round with Tiger Woods.

While some will complain that the president took a weekend off from Washington, what's wrong with the president taking a little time off to relax and recover as he begins his second term?

The media had no access to Obama's golf weekend, which angered members of the press, but can't the man have a little time away from the cameras?

Then again, I would love to know what Obama and Woods discussed between shots on the course. Obama's swing? Taxes on the wealthy? Chipping techniques? Foreign policy?

One can only imagine.



# Voice Editors travel to NYC for Maroon 5 concert

**Alex Myers**  
Editor-in-Chief

As I sit here typing, I look down at my pink and white nails reading "Maroon Five" across all ten fingers and reminisce about the weekend Samantha and I saw Maroon 5 in New York City. That weekend was the one just past, February 16, and it was one I'll never forget.

Nothing extraordinary happened. We didn't get to meet Adam Levine, much to our dismay, or have unbelievable seats, but we were there. At Madison Square Garden. Seeing our favorite band.

We left Westfield at around noon, got to New York at 4:00, but had to wait until 7p.m. to get in. Once we finally sat in our seats and looked down at the stage we were ready for the music to begin.

While at first glance disappointed in our seats, we realized there was some saving

grace to where we were.

The stage was set up as an "M" and our seats were located right near the right leg of the M. So fortunately for us, though high up, when Adam came to sing on that side, he was directly in front of us.

Owl City was supposed to open, then Neon Trees, and finally Maroon 5. However, due to illness, Owl City had to cancel and the audience waited until 8:50 for the concert to start.

After Samantha and I unsuccessfully tried to weasel our way down into lower seats, the lights went down and Neon Trees began their set. Now, I only know the two Neon Trees songs that are played on the radio, but to my surprise they were actually pretty entertaining.

Then the clock hit 10p.m. The echoing sound of a payphone played throughout the Garden as the members of the band set up on stage.

Whether you are a super-Maroon 5 fan or just a casual radio listener, you probably know

this song, given how it was the first and most successful single on their most recent album "Overexposed." This album being the one they are touring to support, it's no surprise they began the show with that song.

To please everyone in the audience, Maroon 5 made sure to play songs from each of their four albums so there was never a point in the night where the crowd wasn't on their feet.

Per usual concert etiquette, after about an hour, the lights turned off and Levine and his band members left the stage in what seemed like the end of the show. However, major songs like "Daylight" and "She Will Be Loved" had not yet been played, so we all knew it wasn't quite over yet.

When the lights turned back on, there was a new addition to the stage - a bridge connecting the main stage to a miniature one toward the center of the room.

It was then, on the miniature stage, that he mentioned the



photo by Voice staff

Daylight video. Remember, the one Samantha and I were in?

I think, at that moment, I went from being a calm, happy fan to a crazy, eccentric one thinking he was going ask if there was anyone in the audience who was in it.

Unfortunately, that didn't happen, but he did say he himself had watched the video and that it meant a lot to him.

So even though we didn't

get anything out of it, he's still seen us. And even though we weren't able to sit in the front row and have him take selfies with our cell phones, we will forever be in their music video.

After a 90-minute set, and closing with the popular "Moves Like Jagger," Maroon 5 said goodnight to Madison Square Garden and Samantha and I said goodnight to an amazing night.

## Album reviews: Kitten's album 'worth checking out'

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

**Kitten: Sunday School**  
This EP is a partially punk-influenced, hard rock-influenced record with an emphasis on the guitar and female vocals. At times it reminds me of Paramore, especially on the first two tracks.

Although after these the tracks "Johnny, Johnny, Johnny" and "Allison Day" things slow down a bit, showcasing the nice vocals found here where you wouldn't necessarily expect them.

Album showcase "Kitten With A Whip" pulls out all the stops, taking the best of punk

music and combining it with a more simple rock and roll sound. Its occasional repetitiveness is made up for by its energy. Overall, the EP is great and worth checking out.

**Chet Faker: Thinking in Textures**

An electronica album with something more added to it, Chet Faker succeeds in creating an album with a unified sound, adding layered vocals to laid back electronic beats that succeeded in bringing me into it, something a lot of electronica artists try (and fail) to do.

"Cigarettes and Chocolate" is one of the more interesting tracks, different from the rest of the album, though, with female vocals and some more

harsh sounds that make for an interesting listen, and I suspect a complete hit or miss for most people. Nonetheless, there is creativity here that shouldn't be missed.

**Ted Hu: Wolves, Foxes, and Cranes**

Every last note from Ted Hu's voice is a soaring one. While you may first think this is a praising statement, let me say that this album is an hour long, and it doesn't really take a break.

At first, the vocals feel a little over the top, reminding me of Queen or Muse (without being as good). The center portion of the album seems to be the strongest, with the seven and a half minute "This Calls for Pa-

per Cranes" appearing to be the centerpiece of the album, being both the strongest track and the best example of his piano and vocal driven sound. The rest of the album is more of the same though, so check out that track first if you're interested.

**Gallery: Come Alive EP**  
This record, when I started to listen to it, sounded generic to me and for the most part unexciting. It's rock music, but its rock music that is only rock music.

There is absolutely nothing I heard that really makes this EP anything special. The song "Last Goodbye" stands out a little bit from the rest of the tracks, but it doesn't really save the EP from being stan-

dard fare. It's not terrible, it just doesn't stand out enough to be able to recommend to people.

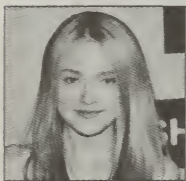
**Silk Flowers: Ltd. Form**  
This is by far one of the strangest things I've heard in quite a long time. They mix synthesizers, some drums in places, and add in other noises to create their music. Their vocals are just as weird, although still strangely fun to listen to.

Even with some awesome sounding tracks like "Small Fortune," there's no real way for me to truly judge it on whether it's any good, because with something like this I'm not sure if any regular standards apply. Get this album if you want to hear something on the eccentric side.

# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Dakota Fanning – Born Feb 23, 1994



As one of the most prominent child actors to emerge in the past twenty years, Hannah Dakota Fanning grew up fast in the spotlight of Hollywood. It didn't take long for Fanning's parents to notice her talent shortly after her birth in Conyers, Georgia; she often acted around her house as a toddler and staged plays with her sister (actress Ellie Fanning) in the backyard. A family friend suggested she join a talent agency, which required the family to move to Los Angeles. She first won a role in a Tide commercial, and later made her movie debut in 2001's *Tomcats*. Her big break came later

that same year, starring as Sean Penn's daughter in *I Am Sam*. Her talent was immediately noticed from this role, and her career had skyrocketed at the ripe age of seven. She would work with director Steven Spielberg the next year in the television series *Taken*, her most demanding role yet. Films like *Man on Fire* and *Hide and Seek* along great actors like Denzel Washington and Robert DeNiro helped Fanning find her niche in cinema, essentially as a precocious child who outsmarts her adult counterparts. By the release of *The Worlds in 2005*, Fanning was a bona fide superstar in Hollywood, and one of its highest-earning actresses. She continues to act and develop her repertoire as an actress since becoming an adult, and will continue to be a mainstay on the silver screen for the foreseeable future.

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## Miracle on Ice – Feb 22, 1980

Accomplishing one of the biggest upsets in sports history was just the beginning for the 1980 U.S. Men's Olympic Hockey Team, who defeated its intimidating and heavily-favored rivals from the Soviet Union in the semifinals. The team would go on to win the gold medal for their country at the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Games a few days later, completing a heroic effort wrought with adversity and overcome by stellar play. The Soviet Union was a state-sponsored team who were not allowed to play in the NHL, in an attempt to keep their talents fresh and stay injury-free. These players were believed to be the best in the world, even better than professionals playing in Canada and the United States. The U.S. Hockey Team

was led by coach Herb Brooks, and comprised of inexperienced college players, who made up for their shortcomings and inferiority with the drive to succeed. By the time of their showdown with the USSR, the hype had consumed both countries, enflamed by the tension of the Cold War. The Soviets came out swinging, and led the game 3-2 going into the third and final period. Mark Johnson tied it up early, and team captain Mike Eruzione scored the final and game-winning goal in the tenth minute of the period. With a frantic American crowd cheering loud, the boys from the U.S. managed to stave off their rivals, completing the upset and warranting announcer Al Michaels' famous call, "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!"

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## Andy Warhol – Died Feb 22, 1987

An iconic artist and filmmaker, inventor of pop art and the phrase "15 minutes of fame," Andy Warhol was born in Pittsburgh in 1928. His parents were Slovakian immigrants, living in the Eastern European sections of the city. Warhol contracted a rare virus known as Chorea (aka St. Vitus' Dance) at 8, affecting his nervous system and left him bedridden for several months. In this time, he received painting lessons from his mother. He also developed a love for photography at a young age after receiving a camera as a gift. His father died tragically at 14 due to a jaundiced liver, leaving Andy distraught. He channeled his sadness into art after attending college, pursuing a career in commercial art in New York City. Here would be his second home for the remainder of his life, as his career blossomed af-



ter working for Glamour magazine. In the '60s, his unique renditions of Campbell's soup cans and Marilyn Monroe portraits catapulted Warhol to the top of Manhattan's artistic ladder, and his influence would be felt through the city's art and music scenes. After opening his nightclub, *The Factory* in 1964, Warhol would hold lavish parties including celebrities, musicians and local "freaks" that he would mentor. Warhol was experienced in sculpture and photography, and also produced experimental video art, including his own television shows on MTV in the '80s. He passed away in 1987.

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# Movie review: 'Side Effects' continuously raises the stakes

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

As far as directors go, few are as unpredictable as Steven Soderbergh. Throughout his career he has made everything from star-studded blockbusters to an epic length biopic of Che Guevara to a film about male strippers ("Magic Mike," of course).

So it's of little surprise that his latest thriller pulls the

rug out from under the audience several times.

*Side Effects* is the story of Emily Taylor (Rooney Mara) who attempts suicide shortly after her husband (Channing Tatum) is released from a four year prison sentence for his involvement in an insider trading scandal.

Seeking treatment for her depression she goes to Dr. Jonathan Banks (Jude Law) who prescribes her medication that, despite working, causes her to sleepwalk.

For the first half hour, *Side Effects* appears as though it's going to be a rough and intimate look into depression and modern prescription drug culture. Soderbergh puts a focus on numerous close-ups of Mara, whose presence evokes a sadness that seems to drape the film's entire upper class New York setting.

This first act is deeply emotional, and a personal bond forms between Emily and the audience. But almost out of nowhere Soderbergh pulls a suck-

er punch and suddenly the film morphs from a psychological drama to a more conventional mystery thriller.

Emily's story becomes secondary to Dr. Banks dealing with the fallout affecting his own life and career. Depression and drugs stop being themes and become mere plot devices. *Side Effects* is a film that's more interested in telling a twist-filled story than it is in commenting on medicine or mental health. And despite being an intelligent and surprising film, it feels like any

number of other similar movies. It's like a paperback from the airport bookstore – fun, exciting, and grim, but nothing too deep or layered.

That isn't to say *Side Effects* is bad. In fact it's an excellent example of the thriller genre at play. It keeps you on your feet by continually raising the stakes and in the end ties everything together into a tight knot. It's a satisfying experience that's best seen knowing as few details as possible.

Grade: B



# Westfield clinches top seed with Senior Day win over Fitchburg

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State men's basketball team clinched the MASCAC regular season title with an 81-67 win over Fitchburg State on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Woodward Center.

The game was the final regular season contest for both teams. The win gave Westfield a final regular season record of 21-4 (10-2 MASCAC) while Fitchburg finished at 13-10 (5-7 MASCAC), giving them the fifth seed in the conference tournament.

Senior center Matt Devine stuffed the stat sheet with 12 points, nine rebounds, six steals, four assists and four blocks to pace the Owls on both ends of the floor.

Sophomore Grant Cooper was also very effective offensively, as he was able to get to the line often (8-14 shooting free throws). He finished with 14 points, six rebounds and six assists.

On Senior Day, senior Ryan White (11 points, six rebounds) got the scoring start-

ed early by knocking down a jumper before the team's other three seniors, Travis Nally (four points), Devine and Lee Vazquez (16 points, five assists, four steals), all had baskets to give Westfield an early 10-6 lead.

Westfield held on to this lead for most of the half before surrendering it for the first time 14 minutes into the game on a Zach Valliere (18 points, nine rebounds) lay-in, which made it 27-26.

Devine followed that with a quick layup and Westfield would close out the half on a 10-4 run, capped off by a Chrys Malone (two points) buzzer-beating jumper to give the Owls a 36-31 halftime lead.

Westfield came out aggressive in the second half and their full-court press caused Fitchburg to fall in a hole they would not be able to climb out of. Sophomore Jordan Santiago (16 points) had three of his five steals in a span of 18 seconds, leading to eight Westfield points and a 50-38 lead three minutes into the half.

Fitchburg would get within no closer than five points the rest of the way and trailed by as



*photo by Mickey Curtis*

There were plenty of hugs after Westfield captured the MASCAC championship on Senior Day.

many as 16, as Vazquez made a living at the free throw line to close out the game, attempting more free throws individually (16) than Fitchburg attempted as a team (15).

The four seniors were subbed out with 18 seconds to play and received a huge round of applause from the home crowd.

As a team, Westfield shot 50 percent from the floor. Fitch-

burg finished at 39.4 percent.

Both teams had trouble holding onto the ball. Fitchburg finished with 26 turnovers compared to 20 for Westfield.

Westfield was great at getting to the foul line, attempting 40 free throws and making 26 of them.

Brandon Selby, Tom Henneberry and Jeremy Kimber all fouled out for Fitchburg, with Selby and Henneberry both

picking up technical fouls in the second half.

Westfield received a first-round bye in the MASCAC Tournament with the win and will host Fitchburg once again in a semifinal matchup at the Woodward Center on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

*\*Editor's Note: This article was published prior to the semifinal game between Westfield and Fitchburg on Feb. 19.*

## Keri Doldoorian named MASCAC women's basketball Rookie Of Year

*WSU Athletic Department*

Westfield State University freshman Keri Doldoorian was named the 2012-2013 MASCAC women's basketball Rookie of the Year.

WSU sophomore teammates Jen Ashton and Gabby Felix were also selected as members of the second team all-conference.

Doldoorian (Whitinsville, Mass.) averaged 8.9 points, 3.6 rebounds and two assists per game during her inaugural collegiate campaign.

Ashton (Beverly, Mass.), a guard who ranks nationally in steals and assists per game, was the MASCAC Rookie of the Year and also a second team all-conference player during her freshman season.

Felix, an imposing 6-0 center from Springfield (Commerce HS), leads the Owls in scoring (13.4 points per game) and rebounding (8.2 per game).

Worcester State University senior center Meaghan O'Keefe was named as the 2012-13 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

Women's Basketball Player of the Year and heads the league's all-conference squad in a vote taken of the conference's seven coaches.

A native of Warren, Mass., O'Keefe led the league in rebounding at 12.6 carsoms per contest while ranking third in scoring at 16 ppg during regular season play, as she also tied for the league lead in blocks per game (1.7) while tying for fourth in field goal percentage (48.6).

O'Keefe led the Lancers to 13 overall regular season victories that included a second

place 9-3 slate in MASCAC action.

O'Keefe was joined on the 2012-13 MASCAC first-team all-conference squad by Bridgewater State's Michaela Cosby and Elisha Homich, Framingham State's Kia Minor and Fitchburg State's Amy Fahley.

The 2012-13 MASCAC second-team all-conference squad consisted of MCLA's Lucy Tremblay, Westfield State's Jen Ashton and Gabby Felix, Worcester State's Meaghan Burns and Bridgewater State's Megan Boutillette.

Bridgewater State University's Bridgett Casey and Worcester State's Karen Tessmer were recognized by their peers as the 2012-13 MASCAC Co-Coaches of the Year, as Casey led the Bears to their third league regular season crown in four seasons with a 21-3 overall mark, including a 11-1 slate in conference play.

Tessmer guided the Lancers to 13 overall triumphs and a runner-up regular season finish in MASCAC action with a 9-3 mark, including handing Bridgewater State its lone league setback.

# Westfield has measures in place to ensure football player safety

**Emma Savoy**  
Voice Reporter

The Super Bowl has become an American pastime. It's the one day every year when people get together with family or friends to root for their favorite team, wear jerseys, and have pizza and Buffalo wings.

But what if all that was to change? Is the sport we know and love turning in a new direction?

While an estimated 108 million people turned on their televisions to watch Super Bowl XLVII, issues regarding violence in football and specifically the dangers of concussions have received increased media attention, leaving the future of the sport in question.

This is not only a concern at the NFL level, but also in high school and college football.

The Westfield State Uni-

versity athletics department has a number of precautions in place to ensure the safety of WSU football players.

There is an AED Protocol, emergency plans, practiced procedures against blood-borne pathogens and environmental safety. All students wanting to play have to go through medical clearance, including a yearly physical and concussion tests that monitor cognitive processes like memory and reactions.

Football players are also required to wear mouth guards and helmets for practices and games, and are checked for both on a regular basis.

Though many precautions are taken, the fact remains that football is a violent sport.

"The sport was based upon violence and based on who could survive pain more than the other person," said Chris Walker, a senior defensive end at Westfield and member of the Student Athlete Advisory

Board.

With concerns being raised more frequently in the media about the violence and consequences of the sport, one can't help but wonder if football will change. Equipment, especially helmets, are always being improved, and the NFL may consider widening the field to reduce the number of big hits and collisions.

"Football is evolving every day to be better," said Walker. "The evolution of football, especially recently, has developed better and more effective protection."

Not all of the protection is aiming to decrease short-term injuries like broken bones and torn ACLs. The main concern regarding football violence is the risk of brain injury and concussions.

Former NFL linebacker Junior Seau took his own life in May 2012. It was later found that Seau had suffered from

chronic traumatic encephalopathy, possibly linked to repeated head trauma from his NFL career, which may have caused him to commit suicide.

"Concussions are a real issue to address," said Westfield State football coach Steve Marino. "Concussions aren't from just one hit, but hits accumulated over time."

Inside the head, there is the brain surrounded by spinal fluid, all of which is encased by the skull.

When a concussion happens, some outside force causes the brain to hit against the wall of the skull, which leads to broken blood vessels, damage to nerves or bruising, and possibly other long-lasting damage.

"Head damage is more serious and has permanent brain damage," said WSU junior tight end Jeff Winchell.

These concerns are being directed at all levels of the game.

"Every level you go up is more at risk because players are bigger, faster and stronger," said Marino.

This leaves college football right in the middle of the concussion debate, but Westfield has taken steps to ensure player safety.

According to the Athletic Training booklet, students who suffer a concussion must follow certain "return to play guidelines." These guidelines are based on the player's symptoms and the concussion testing, also known as "ImPACT testing."

Procedures involving a predetermined emergency plan are also followed in the event a player has suffered a brain injury, or shows concussion symptoms like dizziness and confusion.

People have a number of opinions on the future of football, and it's unclear what further changes may be made to improve player safety.

## Boston Bruins off to roaring start in lockout-shortened season

**Ryan Sances**  
Voice Reporter

The Boston Bruins' season may have started late this year thanks to the NHL lockout, but it was sure worth the wait.

The Bruins are off to their best start in team history with a record of 9-2-2 in their first 13 games, which is good for 20 points and second place in the Eastern Conference standings.

One of the main question marks coming into the season was the Bruins goaltending situation. With former Vezina and Conn Smythe winning goaltender Tim Thomas announcing his intentions to sit out the season, the starting goalie job has been turned over to Tuukka Rask.

Long considered the Bruins' goalie of the future, Rask

has performed well as the starter this season posting a 7-1-2 record through 10 starts with a .919 save percentage and 2.06 goals against average.

Another concern before the season began was the health of right wing Nathan Horton, who missed the second half of last season with a concussion.

So far, however, Horton does not appear to be showing any lingering effects of his concussion.

Horton ranks second on the team with four goals and has not backed down from physical play.

Perhaps the biggest bright spot this season has been the play of 19-year-old rookie defenseman Dougie Hamilton. The 8th overall pick of the 2011 draft, Hamilton has been extremely impressive thus far showing the poise of an NHL veteran rather

than a young rookie.

Hamilton currently ranks second amongst Bruins defensemen in points behind only captain Zdeno Chara and he has shown excellent discipline, having yet to commit a single penalty this season.

While Hamilton has still been prone to the occasional rookie mistake, his overall play has Bruins fans drooling over the young defenseman's potential.

Other bright spots for the Bruins early this season have included feisty left wing Brad Marchand, who leads the team with eight goals, and highly skilled center David Krejci, whose 12 points in 13 games ranks first on the team.

Despite the Bruins' hot start, the team is not without their problems. The team's perennial Achilles heel during the

Claude Julien era, the power play, is once again an issue.

So far this season the Bruins are a dismal 6-for-46 on power plays, ranking 28th in the league.

Although the Bruins won a Stanley Cup in 2011 with a virtually non-existent power play, there's no question that their chances would be much better if their power play could perform at even just an average level.

Another concern early this season has been the slow start of the third line of Chris Kelly, Rich Peverley and Chris Bourque. That line has posted a combined three goals and has a -12 plus/minus rating.

Head coach Claude Julien likes to roll with four lines and if this line continues to struggle, it could present problems for the team as the season progresses.

Highly talented forward Tyler Seguin has also gotten off to a slow start this year.

Many Bruins fans had high hopes for Seguin this season following a breakout sophomore campaign last year, but so far he has managed only three goals through 13 games. Seguin has had numerous scoring chances this season but has struggled to find the back of the net.

Despite their weaknesses the Bruins remain one of the top contenders in the Eastern Conference this season.

Much of the 2011 Stanley Cup winning roster remains intact, and with the addition of Dougie Hamilton on the blue line and the strong play of Tuukka Rask between the pipes the Bruins appear poised to make a run at their second Stanley Cup in three years.

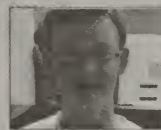


# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



If there was a Mount Rushmore for sports team owners, Jerry Buss's face would be etched in stone.

Earlier this week on Monday, Feb. 18, the Los Angeles Lakers owner lost his battle with cancer, the immediate cause of his death being kidney failure.

In 1979, Buss made a multi-team purchase that at the time was the biggest financial transaction in sports history. His purchase of the Los Angeles Kings, Lakers and the Great Western Forum tallied \$67.5 million.

In time, Buss was also able to transform the Los Angeles Kings from a comple-

mentary purchase into a Stanley Cup Champion in 2012.

At the time Buss acquired the Lakers, they were estimated at a worth of \$16 million. Forbes Magazine valued the franchise at \$1 billion in 2013.

This venture was fueled by his surge to wealth with a \$1,000 investment in apartment complexes that eventually accumulated into a multi-million dollar business.

With the help of newly acquired point guard Magic Johnson in the same year, Buss took a Showtime presence to the Forum.

Throughout his 34 years owning the Lakers he built

what is now known as an elite franchise.

For all but five seasons, Buss's ship was led by two of the greatest Lakers ever in Johnson and Kobe Bryant.

During his tenure as the Lakers majority owner, Buss brought 10 championships to the city of Angeles.

Buss somehow was able to successfully pump the entertainment from the streets of Hollywood into the Forum and now Staples Center for consecutive decades.

His sustained success earned him a spot in Springfield's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010.

Dr. Jerry Buss was born

to make a name for himself in Los Angeles, graduating from the University of Southern California and earning a Ph.D. in physical chemistry.

Despite his affiliations with two professional franchises and other business endeavors, Buss was more than an owner and businessman.

Into his late 70s he was an avid poker player, competing for high-stakes on the Las Vegas strip. Buss was also known for dating women much younger than him, doing what he wanted on his own terms.

Buss arrived to the NBA just in time, as the league was ready for a figure far ahead of the curve.

His inventive outlook on how to bring entertainment and flash to an NBA arena worked to the advantage of not only the Lakers, but to the association as a whole.

The Forum in Los Angeles was highlighted in the evening with four quarters of great basketball, followed by a star studded nightlife within the same facility in the Forum Club.

Buss leaves behind six children, who have all worked in some role with the Lakers. Amongst a list of accomplishments, his legacy will forever be remembered as a man who served as a great ambassador and promoter for the NBA.

## Opinion: Decision to drop wrestling from Olympics is a travesty

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

On Feb. 12, the International Olympic Committee made the decision to cut wrestling from the Olympic Games starting in 2020.

Let that sink in for a minute. The Olympics are getting rid of wrestling.

Wrestling was originally in the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. If people go to Athens, Greece they can still visit the scene of those games, and see the place where these Olympians boxed, ran and wrestled.

The choice to do this is ludicrous, and the reasoning behind this decision is unjustified. The IOC believes that wrestling is not one of the main 25 sports of the summer games.

Among the criteria IOC members use to determine what

should stay and what should go are television ratings, ticket sales, anti-doping policies, global popularity and participation.

Wrestling had men and women participants from 71 countries during the 2012 Olympics. The anti-doping policies in wrestling are nothing compared to cycling and many other sports.

Television ratings are more due to the specific networks that cover the games, a lack of coverage and less interesting stories for these athletes.

Moreover, this whole decision seems more like a backroom decision of some cowardly men who conducted a secret ballot vote to eliminate wrestling. This verdict goes against what the Olympics intended, which is everything that is right and pure in the sports world.

The impact of this decision will bring together some strange bedfellows as Russia,

Iran and the United States will all join forces to keep the sport alive. The Iron Sheik (who by the way is an awesome Twitter follow) should cause much of an uproar over this mockery.

However, one thing that I did not think about when this decision was made (but now I'm thinking about) is the impact this could have on wrestling programs in high schools and for women as well.

These points were highlighted in Phil Wallace's Feb. 12 column on LAObserved.com titled "Why the IOC Dropped Wrestling."

Here is an excerpt from Wallace's column:

"But the elimination of wrestling from the Olympic Program could have a devastating impact on the sport in the United States. While women's wrestling was added to the Olympic Games in 2004, it's still a sport that is practiced largely by men.

"High schools and colleges have been cutting wrestling programs for years in an effort to comply with Title IX - the statute which requires schools to have a gender balance in athletics that's in proportion to the gender balance across the entire student body.

"With schools across the country continually facing tight

budgets, we may see more of them drop wrestling now that the sport has lost appeal by being removed from the Olympic Games."

Now one can only hope that this act of stupidity is changed, as it is a slap in the face to the history of the Olympic Games and to what the Olympics are really all about.

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**Pisces****(Feb. 20 - March 20)**

Whatever you are doing, don't stop! You are likely on the right track in the grand scheme of things, whatever difficulties you might be going through now, if any.

**Aries****(March 21 - April 20)**

Power you shall achieve if you answer the star's riddles three: Who are you? What are you? What will you be doing in exactly five years from now and how will you get there? These questions are harder than you think.

**Taurus****(April 21 - May 21)**

While you feel as though there is a cage imprisoning your thoughts and emotions, barbed wire surrounding you and all, try talking through the wire. Perhaps someone will hear you and stage a coup to let you out.

**Gemini****(May 22 - June 21)**

You will see the weaknesses and struggles in your life this week, and you will become harder, better, faster, and stronger for it. The realizations you have this week will be with you the rest of your life.

**Cancer****(June 22 - July 22)**

Sometimes you may feel as though no matter how you build your life up, it all falls down in front of you. Try not to worry though, as life will improve for you eventually, the stars promise.

**Leo****(July 23 - August 23)**

Heartless people will try to bring you down, but rise above any haters in your life and respond with kindness instead of cruelty. In the long run, this train of action will yield great benefits for you.

**Virgo****(August 24 - September 22)**

All of the lights that the stars are sending your way might be distracting you this week, but focus on what matters most to you and you will achieve a higher level of self-mastery.

**Libra****(September 23 - October 22)**

You might wish to drive slow this week after all the stress that you have been going through. At times you are going to need a break, and if you don't take one this week your body might force one upon you.

**Scorpio****(October 23 - November 21)**

Despite what people around you might say to you this week, you are not a monster. At the worst you are a creature of the night, and they aren't necessarily bad.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 - December 21)**

Everything is going to be okay, once you settle the wasp situation you will probably not have this week. Don't worry; you will almost certainly not have to deal with wasps this week.

**Capricorn****(December 21 - January 20)**

You may be making arrangements for your next homecoming this week, and events may be unfurling in your life that you aren't even aware of. Try and gain all the knowledge of your surroundings that you can.

**Aquarius****(January 21 - February 19)**

If you have a new man or woman in your life recently that you didn't expect, be aware that there is a possibility that they're a gold digger. The good news is if you're broke, they won't be messin' with you for much longer.

**THE JOKE'S ON YOU**

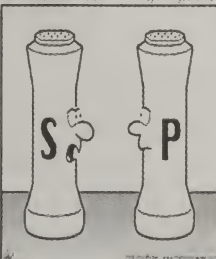
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"They wanted me to pose nude, too, but I'm a woman with high mural values!"  
- David Winger - Woodland Hills CA

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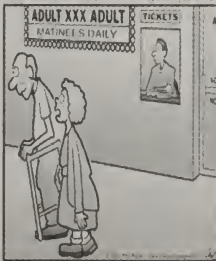
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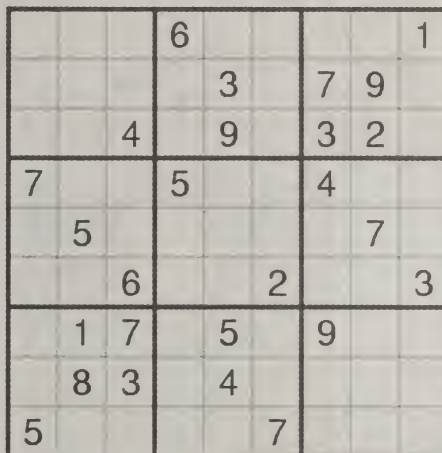
"Don't lie. I smelled Paprika all over you the minute you walked in here."  
- Marx de Sa - Unknown

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"AMATEURS!"  
- Clem - Unknown



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## Girls' Names Songs

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CARRIE ANNE  
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CLAIR  
DELILAH

DELTA DAWN  
DIANA  
ELEANOR RIGBY  
ELVIRA  
GLORIA  
JOANNA  
JOLENE  
KYRIE  
LAYLA  
LITTLE JEANNIE  
LUCILLE  
MAGGIE MAY  
MANDY

MICHELLE  
MY SHARONA  
NIKITA  
OH SHERRIE  
PEGGY SUE  
RHIANNON  
ROSANNA  
ROXANNE  
RUBY TUESDAY  
SARA  
SHERRY  
SUSIE Q  
SUZANNE  
SWEET CAROLINE

## Tommy D's Beach Party!



### Drinks:

\$1.50 drafts Busch  
\$2.00 Bud/Coors Light  
\$4.25 well drinks

*Wings on Sunday and Monday nights!*  
**1/2 price appetizers w/ WSU student ID!**

### Come hear Gov. Patrick speak to students!

Gov. Patrick has proposed major new funding for our campuses and student financial aid.

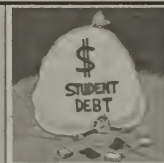
We need to let our state legislators know – we need their support for high quality, affordable public universities.

This is a key moment in Massachusetts history – and you can be part of it!

Come with us to speak with our state legislators – ask them to support more funding for higher ed!

To reserve your spot, contact:  
pcollins1468@westfield.ma.edu

**\*BUS LEAVES 8:00**  
in front of Scanlon

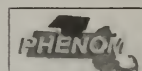


## Stop Tuition Hikes! Students Speak Out!

## Come to Boston for Higher Ed Lobby Day Tues. March 5

Over 500 students attended last year!  
**Free bus** from Westfield, hear the Governor + top education officials, visit with legislators, free lunch, and more.  
**10:30 AM – 2:30 PM \***

Organized by PHENOM  
(Public Higher Education Network of Mass.)



## Hours Of Operation

### Dining Commons

*Everyday*

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
*Saturday & Sunday*  
7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. &  
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Wellness Center

*Monday - Thursday*  
6:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

*Friday*

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Saturday*

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Sunday*

12:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

### Dunkin' Donuts

*Monday - Thursday*

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

*Friday*

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

*Saturday & Sunday*

11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

### Pandini's

*Everyday*

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

### The Perch

*Sunday - Thursday*

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

*Friday & Saturday*

8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

### Bookstore

*Monday & Thursday*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Tuesday & Wednesday*

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*Friday*

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Saturday*

12:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Closed Sunday*

### Quixotes

*Monday - Thursday*

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

*Friday*

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Library

*Monday - Thursday*

8 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

*Friday*

8 a.m. - 5p.m.

*Saturday*

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

*Sunday*

1 p.m. - 12 a.m.

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*Monday - Friday*

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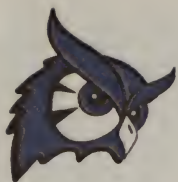
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# The Westfield Voice

## The Student Press of Westfield State University

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Friday, March 1, 2013

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## Ely Wellness Center renovations working out

**Donny Washburn**  
Voice Reporter

The newly renovated Ely Wellness Center has seen many significant changes in the past year, from the overall look to the number of students using the facility.

Some renovations include a second story dedicated to cardio machines along with a brand new aerobics room.

The previous aerobics room was extended and is now dedicated to new weight lifting machines, benches, and dumbbells.

According to an email sent to students from President Dobelle last year, the updated facility was funded by a grant the school earned from the state.

Due to the improvements, prices for students and faculty to use the facility has significantly increased.

In the spring of 2012, the price for a gym membership was \$20 for students and \$30 for faculty.

Currently, the cost for a membership is \$92.50 for

everyone.

Because of the higher cost, students had to decide whether or not to keep their membership.

According to Myra Ahern, Wellness Center Manager, approximately 300 students, from last year's number, have chosen not to use the gym's facilities.

Despite the loss of memberships, the new Wellness Center has had a huge increase in utilization.

Ahern said in the first month, the number of sign-ins was two-thirds the total amount of the previous years' log.

But many students have decided to take the cheaper route and go to a local gym not affiliated with the school.

Westfield State nursing major, Erin Cooney, has chosen Planet Fitness for \$10 per month over the Ely gym.

"The school gym's cardio machine policy requires me to book a treadmill," she said. "I have a very spur-of-the-moment schedule due to my major and on any given day something may mess up my daily routine."



*photo by Donny Washburn*

Students are flocking in to use the Ely Wellness Center equipment, despite the recent decrease in student membership due to higher fees.

Westfield State student and daily gym-goer, Christian Davis, expressed both positive and negative feelings toward the new gym.

"They made the gym way more spacious and I can finally breathe when I am in there," Davis said.

However, with all the space came an apparent

lack of equipment for Davis. "There is a noticeable decrease in dumbbells lower than 50 lbs.," he said.

Ahern said she is doing her best to keep the "gym rats" happy.

"I keep a comment box located by the desk with the option to seek feedback," she said. "After I have respond-

ed, I directly e-mail the person with the suggestion as well as post the response on the wall by the front desk."

The incoming freshman classes, Ahern said, will not have the previous gym to compare to. She added that in time the Wellness Center would see membership progress in the future.

### Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5657  
Public Safety - 5262  
IT - 5528  
Library - 5231

**Campus - Pages 2 - 5**  
Senior Info.

**OpEd - Pages 6 & 7**  
Donoghue Report

**A&E - Pages 8 - 11**  
The Flu Season

**Sports - Pages 12 & 13**  
WSU Basketball

### Wellness Center Hours:

Sun - 12:00pm-10:30pm  
Mon-Thur - 6:30am-10:30pm  
Fri - 6:30am-7:30pm  
Sat - 10:00am-6:00pm

# Quick Hits

## Friday, March 1

4:00p.m.

Yoga for Relaxation  
Wellness Center Aerobic  
Room

7:30p.m.

Dancing With the Stars  
Dever Auditorium

## Saturday, March 2

10:00a.m.

Happy Birthday 3K Walk  
Woodward Track

8:00p.m.

Open Mic Night  
The Nest

## Sunday, March 3

3:00p.m.

The Westfield New Music  
Festival  
Dever Auditorium

8:00p.m.

Board Games  
Ely Main Lounge

## Campus Police Log

2/10/2013 to 2/16/2013

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION
02/10/13	2023	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL. (ALCOHOL)	NEW RES. HALL
02/11/13	0241	DISTURBANCE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY ARREST	LAMMERS HALL
02/11/13	0510	DISTURBANCE	COURTNEY HALL
02/12/13	0008	DISTURBANCE	DINING COMMONS
02/12/13	2220	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(OTHER)	SCANLON HALL

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*The Westfield Voice* will print "letters to the editors" if the authors so please and can be either anonymous or can include your name (you must note that you do not want your name listed otherwise it will

be printed with your name).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



# Hey, seniors: Graduation requirements and Commencement info.

**Samantha Fahey**  
Editor-in-Chief

Seniors, it's that time of year. Time to seriously start thinking about graduation.

The Registrar sent out an email on Feb. 20 that listed some information and requirements for seniors intending to graduate in May 2013.

They've been drilling it into students' heads since freshmen year - seniors need to have earned at least 120 credits by the end of the Spring 2013 semester and have completed all core, major and concentration requirements to graduate.

Additionally, the email stated, "you must have earned a minimum institutional cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a minimum major GPA of 2.0 (some majors require a higher GPA)."

Reviewing your degree audit is the best way to check your status (log onto MyWest-

field - academics tab - registration tools - degree evaluation link).

The email made sure to inform students that, "Any outstanding requirements (including GPA requirements) will prevent you from earning your degree this May."

All students procrastinate, but the one thing seniors should not put off is submitting the "diploma order" form.

The forms are available online or in the Registrar's office and should be returned there, Parenzo Hall room 107, by March 1. All seniors must fill out this form.

According to the email, a review of all graduation requirements will occur during the month of March and students will receive an email to either their campus mailbox or their home address for commuters.

It will give official notification to whether students are on the right track to graduation.

A "final review" of all

graduation requirements will take place after the spring semester has ended, professors have submitted their grades, and GPA's have been recalculated.

"Missing grades, failed courses, incompletes, low GPA's, etc...will negatively impact all potential graduates and approved participants," the email stated. "Students will be personally notified by the Registrar's Office of any change in their graduation status."

The hours of the Registrar are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students can visit the Registrar during these times with any graduation status questions.

If any students know that they do not meet all of the aforementioned qualifications, they can still submit a "petition to participate" in the graduation ceremony.

To be eligible for this petition, "students must have earned at least 114 credits, be shy only two requirements, and meet the

minimum GPA for graduation," according to the email.

The ceremony, most students know, will take place at the MassMutual Center. Though there seemed to have been some controversy over date and time, Commencement will take place on Friday, May 17 at 6 p.m.

MassMutual is located in downtown Springfield, minutes from both bus and train stations.

If you are driving, here is a list of directions from the MassMutual website:

- Traveling North on I-91, take Exit 6 (Springfield Center), onto East Columbus Avenue. Continue up East Columbus Avenue (about ¼ mile) to Court Street. Take a right onto Court Street and proceed past Symphony Hall, City Hall and Sovereign Bank. The MassMutual Center is located at the corner of Court and Main Street across from Court Square.

- Traveling South on I-91, take Exit 7 (Springfield Center

Columbus Avenue). Turn left at the light at the end of the ramp. Circle under the highway and go straight through one light. Take a right at the second light onto Main Street. The MassMutual Center is located at 1277 Main Street across from Court Square.

- Traveling West on Rt. 90, take Exit 6 off the Mass. Turnpike to Rt. 291. From Rt. 291 take Dwight Street Exit. Turn left at the end of the ramp and follow Dwight Street to the MassMutual Center.

- Traveling East on Rt. 90, take Exit 4 onto I-91 South.

MassMutual does not have its own parking. Instead, it relies on several parking lots and garages in the area. The Civic Center parking garage is located directly across from MassMutual on Falcons Way and only costs \$7 to park for MassMutual events.

For more information on area parking garage rates, visit [parkspa.com/rates.shtml](http://parkspa.com/rates.shtml).

## Westfield State professor Julian Fleron makes math exciting

**JR Neib**  
Voice Reporter

Julian Fleron, a mathematics professor at Westfield State University, said, "In my career, my interests are mathematics and how people think about the world and the human part of mathematics, where it meets art, culture and history."

Fleron said his grandmother, along with both of his parents who were also teachers, inspired him to become a teacher himself. Another person who had a big influence on his career path, he said, was his undergraduate mentor with whom he worked on student interviewing.

On his most recent achievement, he said, "Professionally, we just got a \$550,000

grant from the National Science Foundation," Fleron said. "And that's an enormous accomplishment that I'm very proud of."

"I understand that every student learns differently," Fleron said about the way he teaches mathematics. "And I think I have a lot of patience to try to understand what that student is thinking and figure out ways to encourage and nurture their individual learning."

"I spend a lot of time preparing my classes, but what's more important to me is that I spend time becoming mentally prepared so I can inspire students because after all, it's the students who are learning and I see a large part of my job is supporting them," said Fleron. "It's how I try to find ways that I can have positive energy."

Fleron's book "The Amazing

Algebra Book: 20 Engaging Tricks" co-written with Ronald Edwards is about mathematical magic tricks that are based on algebra targeted to middle and high school students.

Besides his passion for math, Fleron said, "I'm very interested in wood-working. I do a lot of restoration on my house."

"I'm [also] really interested in cooking," he said. "I even had a recipe published in Gourmet Magazine."

Andrew Sadosky, a junior and movement science major at Westfield State University, said he likes Fleron's teaching styles because Fleron has his students work in groups.

"I thought it would be a lot harder than it actually was," Sadosky said about Fleron's class. "But the way he taught

the material made it easy for everyone to learn."

"He's very enthusiastic about his job, he loves what he does and he's open to any questions you have," Sadosky said.

Fleron is not only easily accessible but also very friendly towards his students, Sadosky added.

"He has made me enjoy math a lot more than I did," he said.

Curtis Whitman, a junior Communication major said, "I've always appreciated his teaching skills. He got you involved in what you were learning about."

"I loved his class. By far it was the most fun and entertaining class I've had to date and that really says something because it was a math class," Whitman said. "So, he really

made it awesome."

Whitman said Fleron is an easy-going, fun, engaging and respectful professor who genuinely cares about what students are talking about.

"He increased my appreciation for math and how it involves the everyday world and what we're doing," Whitman said. "And in a way, that's very fun and very important in our everyday lives."

Robert Fitzgerald, a junior and political science major said Fleron's teaching skills were very different and effective.

"I knew that I personally went to his office hours quite a bit and he was always very helpful."

"The overall way he approached the class was probably the most effect he had on me," Fitzgerald said.

## Update from Student Government

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

Tonight, Dr. Joshua Hetrick, the Assistant Director of Residential Life, came to SGA to speak about housing signups.

He explained the crucial differences of the new residential hall University Hall and the apartment style living on campus.

University Hall will have a suite roster and requires a meal plan to live there. He urges all students to apply for all of the types of housing that they are interested in. Rosters have changed this year; now they are

dictated by all of the class years in the roster.

The housing deposit of \$200 is due in the Office of Residential Life by this Friday, March 1.

If you have any questions regarding housing, feel free to check out their website or their Facebook page, you can e-mail the Office of Residential Life, call the office, or stop in and talk to them!

Tonight I let Senate know that advising schedules are out and posted in academic buildings. Schedules for the finals calendar for May 2013 were sent to all students' e-mails as well.

Michelle Hanney, Vice President of Programming, announced that "The Price Is Right" game show will be rescheduled.

Josh Frank, Vice President of Finance, brought down a finance proposal for the Communication Club. The proposal was accepted and the club was allocated money to contribute to student ticket prices for their annual awards dinner.

The Student Government's next is Tuesday, March 5th, 2013 at 5:30 in the SGA room located in the garden level of Ely, next to Dunkin Donuts. All meetings are open to the public.

## Motion made during SGA meeting

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

Last Tuesday's SGA meeting started out as they all normally do: with the approval of the previous meeting's minutes, the President's report, and the multitude of other reports that give the SGA a semblance of what's going on around campus.

But in the 'new business' portion of the meeting, something changed.

After declaring that *The Westfield Voice* is going to be looking for people to fill a few roles on the editorial staff, I brought forth a motion that would require the SGA to provide all of the clubs and organizations with the balances of their club accounts.

The motion read, "I move that the Student Government Association provide all clubs and organizations under its jurisdiction with the monetary balance of their respective club accounts."

This was met with sheer silence and confusion from

the Senate and the Executive Board. Then there was some questioning in an uncharacteristically free-for-all manner that was aimed at settling the issue before it created conflict.

SGA Advisor and Administrative Assistant Barbara Hand questioned the purpose of this motion.

President Stephanie Close said that they already do this upon the request of an officer or advisor of the club.

Vice President of Finance Joshua Frank had put a rest to the commotion by offering to review the budget with an officer of clubs if they so desire. The motion was defeated before it could even be seconded.

After the meeting it was determined that the process to pro-

cure balances of club accounts is fairly easy.

If a club would like to review the balance of their respective club accounts, an officer or advisor can see Barbara Hand in the SGA office in the Ely Campus Center by Dunkin Donuts.

She can show you the balance of your account, money that goes in or out, and any other transactions related to your account.

If a club has a line item on the SGA budget and would like to review that, an officer or advisor can see Joshua Frank, Vice President of Finance, in the SGA office.

Joshua Clark is a Representative to the SGA from Courtney Hall.

## Editor's Desk



I don't appreciate getting all of these "housing signup" emails. Just kidding. But seriously! They kind of make me anxious. I feel like I should be filling them out and paying the Room Reservation Deposit because that's what we've been doing for four years. It's so weird to just delete them as soon as they come to my inbox.

I'm sure you're all getting sick of us talking about graduation. Why don't you share your own feelings? Whether they be positive or negative, we will definitely print it. For some of you, it's your last chance to get published in the campus newspaper!

We always wonder why more Communication majors don't write for the newspaper. We have one or two, not including ourselves. For those of you who are journalism concentration (or even if you're not) how do you expect to get a job in the real world with no publication experience and nothing concrete to show for your time in school? Write for us!

Okay, I'll stop. Have a great weekend everyone!

Samantha Fahey  
Co-Editor-in-Chief  
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# Go Global: Semester at sea

**Brittany Bones**  
Voice Reporter

Last week there was a study Abroad fair held by the International Programs Office.

This was a chance for students to ask questions and see the opportunities that not only Westfield offers, but what companies such as CIS Abroad, API Study Abroad, and a couple others offer.

The most unique was the Semester at Sea. A Semester at Sea has some of the coolest multi-destination voyages: Afri-

ca, The Mediterranean, Europe, South and Central America, and The Pacific Rim and a various Asian countries.

There are Fall, Spring, Summer and Short-term courses for these voyages. Each voyage has new teachers and staff so your experience is completely original. This floating campus has seven decks, 418 cabins, 230 crew -members, and nine classrooms.

Besides the great view on the ship, there's a lot to fill your time. There are over 50 organizations ranging from dance, multimedia, health and fitness etc.

This experience is open to all majors: Legal Studies, Women and Gender Studies, Theatre and Economics to name a few.

In addition to learning in a different environment, students will learn about a new culture and improve their interpersonal and intercultural communication skills.

Students will develop travel skills, a greater understanding of the world and most of all meet amazing people from around the U.S and the world.

There's no better way to go global!

To learn more go to [www.semesteratsea.org](http://www.semesteratsea.org).

## More study abroad opportunities

Westfield's International Programs have new offerings and Cynthia Siegler, Director of Westfield's International Programs and Student Exchanges, tells *The Voice* all about them.

**Q:** What's new in the International Programs Office (IPO)?

**A:** Our Exchange partners at United International College in Zhuhai, China have asked us to find qualified students who will be graduating in May for their new Internship Program in China. These are one-year paid internships from August/September through the end of June. Included in the compensation package is free lodging, health insurance, reimbursement for your round-trip airfare, a monthly stipend of \$790-\$950, and a 'Chinese Language, Culture, History and Development' program. There are internships available in Business, Computer Science and Technology, Applied Psychology, Public Relations or Advertising, English as a Second Language, and teacher's aide positions.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our graduating seniors! More information is

available in IPO. The deadline to apply is March 18th.

**Q:** What exciting short-term courses are coming up?

**A:** We are excited to have some great proposal from Westfield faculty to offer courses in locations such as: Costa Rica, Europe, Ireland, Morocco, Nepal, Puerto Rico, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom and in a U.S. cities such as Miami, New Orleans, San Antonio or San Francisco. The 2014 Go Global information will be available during the 2013 spring semester.

**Q:** Are there any new universities that Westfield is working with for Study Abroad?

**A:** Yes, we are very excited to announce a new affiliation with Florence University of the Arts in Florence, Italy. This is a fairly new university whose focus is on offering a rich, stimulating series of courses taught by an international faculty. They have programs in business, communication, criminal justice, fine arts, history, hospitality, movement science, music and theatre, photography, fashion, culinary arts, Italian studies, etc. Their program

is quite affordable when compared with many others located in Florence, and includes rooms in shared apartments, a board plan with the university restaurants and weekend excursions to Rome and other cities.

The deadline to apply for fall is June 15.

**Q:** Is it true that your office also manages the National Student Exchange Program?

**A:** Yes! Westfield students have discovered this program that allows them to study at in-state rates in any of the 50 states, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Canada, and Puerto Rico! Many Westfield students have opted to study in sunny Hawai'i and have really enjoyed their time there!

Students with family or friends in Puerto Rico can study at any of the 9 national universities there for a semester or an academic year under this program—and students from any of the participating schools can come to Westfield, too.

**Q:** How can students find out more information?

**A:** Our office is located in the Parenzo Hall Lobby, so stop by to see us.

## Editor's Desk



*"Take criticism, smash it into dust, add color, and use it to paint breathtaking images of unicorns frolicking through endless fields of greatness."*

- Matthew Gray Gublar

In case you guys don't know, Matthew Gublar plays Reid on "Criminal Minds" and, like his character, this quote is absolutely amazing.

I saw it on Pinterest a few months ago and it so perfectly describes the best way to handle criticism. I'm slowly becoming more thick-skinned and Mr. Gublar certainly has helped me overcome the sometimes unappreciative world we live in.

So, if ever you're faced with criticism, take it and make it into something beautiful because no one knows just how much greatness you have until you show them.

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# Competency and Conservatism: Deficit a 'frenzied catastrophe'

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

The state of the American economy is yet again in peril. If Washington does not act to stave off something called sequestration, then \$85 billion worth of spending will be exacted from our budget.

This certainly looks ominous, but when measured against the projected budget in the form of a percentage, it locks in at a 2.2% cut. Then why is everyone acting as if the sky were falling?

Conservatives salivate over slashing the budget and liberals should be equally as happy about cutting \$42.7 billion out of defense spending. But as usual, the politics are little messy.

We should start with a friendly reminder regarding this thing called sequestration. If it were to be called a crisis, it should be noted that it is of the

manufactured sort.

The United States government uses it as a method to limit the size of the federal budget. At this point in history, sequestration resulted from a deal between President Obama and House Speaker Boehner.

If you remember the 2011 budget showdown, the Budget Control Act is what came out of the fight to raise the debt ceiling. The bill created a legislative phenomenon aptly referred to as the "super-committee." These members of congress were tasked to come up with recommendations for deficit reduction. The call to action should have been significant. If they did not act sequestration was going to happen on January 1, 2013.

I hope I don't spoil this Shakespearean drama for your viewing pleasure, but it didn't work out in the slightest. The same congressional hacks that came up with the fake fiscal cliff deadline extended it by

two months. That brings us to Friday March 1, 2013.

I'm writing this on a Monday, but from the looks of it, sequestration will happen. If congress narrowly avoids the issue at midnight on Thursday, it wouldn't surprise me because it will be another tactical avoidance of the matter at hand.

I really can't understand why deficit reduction turned into this frenzied catastrophe. Both sides can agree that government spending is out of control. Obviously there are disagreements over different aspects of the scenario. But here is a point I don't often hear debated on cable television.

You would think that the American government should be treated with respect to its overall majesty. That's not the case, because the very idea of a blind \$85 billion cut in spending is irresponsible.

How can the prowess of a nation be determined solely in regards to a political deal.

They have had two years to figure out what to do and nothing substantive has happened. As a Republican, I would like to see spending cuts that lead to a balanced budget. This means reforming entitlements, taking a look at our military commitments, and asking ourselves if deficit spending is worth it.

During the first presidential debate, Mitt Romney opened by saying, "I will eliminate all programs based on this test, if they don't pass it- Is the program so critical it's worth borrowing money from China to pay for it? And if not, I'll get rid of it."

Whatever your politics, as a nation we must decide these critical issues now. Mitt Romney may not have won, but he did have a point. His test probably would be challenging to enact; it would have taken real leadership.

I don't know about you, but I don't hear President Obama calling for similar ac-

tions. Of course he has used this occasion to fear monger and scare people into thinking that America will unravel by Friday morning. He hasn't done anything to stop sequestration and I'm not expecting much out of him.

As Americans we should be outraged that the "Full Faith and Credit" of the United States government hangs in the balance.

Every couple of years, politicians beg to be sent to Washington because they will stand up to the status quo. All of them state they can heal what ails us. Next thing you know they're back saying they need our help again.

But lets get something straight. They are the only people that can solve this problem. The congress has manufactured the entire situation and its time for them to get to work. If not, when 2014 rolls around, the voters should replace them with people who will.



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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



Secretary of State John Kerry has begun his first international trip in his new position and is set to visit nine countries across Europe and the Middle East during the 10-day tour.

Kerry will make stops in England, Germany, France, Italy, Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar over the next week and a half.

One of Kerry's focuses during his diplomatic visits, along with introducing himself to important American allies, is to evaluate the situation in Syria and discuss plans to bring an end to the civil war there.

One of Kerry's key stops will be in Rome, where he is set to participate in the Friends of Syria Conference, an international meeting focused on addressing the violence in Syria and developing solutions to help civilians in the war-torn country.

But there's one major problem: the Syrian National Coalition has said it will skip the Rome meeting.

Syria's main opposition group said that it "considers the international silence toward the crimes committed every day against our people is, in effect, participation in the ongoing slaughter for the last two years."

The opposition in Syria is apparently fed up with all the talk but lack of action that has come out of the international community regarding the two years of violence.

Wouldn't you be too?

Last December, the international community, including the United States and United Kingdom, officially recognized the Syrian opposition coalition as "the legitimate representative of the Syrian people." It

also called on President Assad to "stand aside" in order to allow "a sustainable political transition" process.

Even Russia, Syria's most important ally, said at the time that the Syrian government was "losing control of more and more territory" and seemed to be admitting for the first time that opposition forces, including the Free Syrian Army, may defeat Assad in the end.

But there's been a lack of any progress in the two months since those announcements.

There were rumors of peace talks between the opposition Syrian National Coalition and Assad's regime, but the two sides still appear to be far apart in any negotiations.

How many conferences will it take before the international community decides to step up and assist in the peace talks? How many more missile strikes need to kill innocent children in Aleppo before the international community decides enough is enough with Assad? When will international leaders decide it's time to amp up the pressure on Assad (despite what Russia and China want) until he has no choice but to surrender?

It's easy to see why opposition forces aren't jumping at the chance to meet with the international community. But boycotting the meeting will only make matters worse for the National Coalition.

The only way to get further help from the west is to attend this type of conference.

"I want our friends in the Syrian opposition council to know we are not coming to Rome simply to talk," Kerry said. "We're coming to Rome to make the decision about next

steps and perhaps even other options that may or not be discussed further after that."

If that's true, then the international community may be prepared to take further steps to put an end to the near two-year conflict that has taken the lives of more than 70,000 people, according to the United Nations.

And what about Russia's involvement in this whole situation?

Syrian allies China and Russia, both permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, seem to realize that President Assad's time is up, despite previously blocking a number of attempts by the West in the U.N. to mount pressure on Assad to end the violence.

politically responsible (for the killings in Syria) because they continue to support the (Syrian) regime with weapons."

But if Assad loses Russian support, the regime may have no choice but to end the violence and begin peace negotiations with the National Coalition.

Kerry's first international trip certainly isn't shaping up to be a photo-op welcome tour to the rest of the world. The Friends of Syria Conference could lead to important resolutions in speeding up the peace process in Syria (although I won't hold my breath), and it will be especially interesting to see whether leaders of the Syrian National Coalition end up

The most noteworthy aspect of Kerry's trip: he's not Hillary Clinton.

I was reading a Politico article by Glenn Thrush last week that called Kerry the un-Hillary Clinton. Thrush wrote, "In the three weeks since Kerry succeeded Clinton as secretary of state, he's already sent unmistakable signals of his independence with a more assertive, proactive and risk-taking stewardship of America's foreign policy — with a more sustained focus on the Middle East and Europe than his predecessor."

Clinton may go down as one of America's best, and certainly most popular, Secretaries of State.

But Kerry doesn't seem worried about following in her footsteps. In fact, he seems prepared to be a very different Secretary of State than Clinton was. (He appears ready to take more personal control of foreign policy decisions than Clinton did.)

This is Kerry's first big moment in his new position, and he seems ready to tackle the 10-day tour with confidence, prepared to listen to Middle Eastern leaders in particular, in hopes of fortifying American relationships in that region.

If you're interested in reading more about Kerry, Clinton, and the future of American foreign policy, I would recommend reading Thrush's article (because I'm certainly not a Washington insider). Like I've said before, we could all use a little more knowledge of international issues.

Well that's all for this week folks. Have a great weekend, and as always, thanks for reading.

Do you agree or disagree with something that you read in *The Donoghue Report*?

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Russian leaders are set to meet with members of Assad's regime in Moscow this week, and after months of supporting a "savage, aggressive regime," the country may be ready to support peace talks that would remove Assad from office and finally end the violence.

There have also been talks about a meeting between Russian leaders and the head of the Syrian National Coalition, Ahmed Moaz al-Khatib, in the coming weeks.

The Syrian National Coalition has said that Russian leaders were "ethically and

attending the meeting.

You many have forgotten the other countries — listed in the second paragraph — that Kerry will be visiting during this trip, but Egypt stood out to me as another interesting stop.

I'm not sure what the tenor of this visit will be or who Kerry's planning on meeting with, but with the political turmoil surrounding President Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood coupled with major economic difficulties in the country, it certainly has the potential to be an intriguing stop on the trip.

# STA's 'The Flu Season' comes to Westfield State

**Aurelia Pierce**  
Voice Reporter

On Thursday Feb. 21 through Feb. 23 *The Flu Season*, directed by Richard Varela, was performed on campus at Westfield State.

*The Flu Season* is a dark romantic comedy, taking place in the middle of winter. It involves two characters, Prologue and Epilogue, who narrate and write another story while being contained in a Psychiatric Ward. Varela describes that the meaning behind the story is to "overcome failure". Epilogue begins to write the romantic endeavors of four other characters, Man, Woman, Doctor, and Nurse.

"It's a beautiful play

about how chaotic life can be and how some of us don't overcome the chaos," said Varela. "The play examines our inability to communicate with others and the struggles we go through on the subject of life, love, and relationships."

Kayla Kennedy, President of the STA executive board and a theater minor, who also plays Woman, said, "It really says something about the human experience that just tugs at your heart strings and makes you wonder about the blurry line between reality and fiction."

It all started when Varela, a theater major at Westfield State, received a copy of the script *The Flu Season* by Will Eno in the fall of 2011. Varela was scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2012 but he said

he wanted to "try [his] had at directing so [he] stayed around for another year."

Over the summer he did visual research at some Psychiatric Facilities and took a bit of time reading over the script. In the fall of 2012 he began his independent study with Professor Jack Shea who he said "guided [him] through the analysis process of the play".

Then Varela put in an application to produce two ten minute plays, and one full length play in front of the STA Board in order to be allotted the time and space to pick and direct his own show.

He was selected to direct a full-length play in the spring and chose *The Flu Season*. Soon thereafter he began choosing his designers, and then he held au-

ditions for the cast of the play.

"Auditions were tough [because] I had to choose between some people I really liked and some relative newbies. I went with two people who were very new to the department and 4 other people who had a lot of experience in the Black Box," said Varela.

Erica Goddard played the Nurse, explained that Varela is "a very helpful director that has always taken the time and energy to really get across his ideas and help the cast bring them to life. Getting those ideas through my acting, though, was a bit more difficult for me since I had never had to do it before. Richard took the time to show me the different techniques and acting skills that all the other people in the play had already

learned," she said.

Colin James Fuller on the other hand had a lot of experience, especially at Westfield State. He played Man, and explained that working on *The Flu Season* has been "an insightful experience for me, both as an actor and as a human being. This show has challenged me to play a role that conflict with who I actually am as a person."

"Despite the difficulty, it has been tremendously fun. Richard Varela is not only a great friend of mine, but he is also a collaborative director."

"It has been both a pleasure and an honor to perform in his vision of *The Flu Season*, alongside my fellow dedicated actors and designers who have made this production possible," he said.

## Play review: 'The Flu Season' was acting at its finest

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

On Friday, February 22, I had the pleasure of seeing the Student Theatre Association's production of Will Eno's *The Flu Season*.

Directed by senior Richard Varela and designed by Rebecca Greene, Gabrielle Smacchetti, Steph Paylor, and Jamie Caron, *The Flu Season* is by far one of the best productions that the STA has put on in my years as a student at Westfield.

The set was sparse and dimly lit; it consisted of two chairs, each at an opposite end of the stage, a glass window hanging in the middle, and on either side of the glass window, sheer pieces of paper decorated with phrases and quotes from the play.

The stage floor was painted to look like an old, worn wooden floor, further emphasizing

ing the play's setting, that of a mental hospital.

However, what really made this play stand out (besides the unique story line) was the acting.

*The Flu Season* takes place in a small, rural Massachusetts town, at a mental hospital. At this hospital, the Doctor and Nurse (Erica Goddard) are just as troubled, if not more so, than their patients.

This interesting characterization gave the play a whole new dimension; it's not just about the patients, it's about their caretakers as well.

Another interesting aspect of the play is that it's narrated by a kind, worrisome Prologue (Hannah Clifford) and a snarky, cynical Epilogue (Allison Martel).

The Epilogue and the Prologue not only began and ended the play, but they had frequent soliloquies throughout it as well, adding two combating outside perspectives.

With a six person cast, each member did an excellent job playing their character to the fullest. Every actor and actress did a fabulous job, but, in particular, these stood out above the rest: Jerry Greene as the Doctor, Allison Martel as the Epilogue, and Colin James Fuller as the Man.

Greene played the shy, woebegone yet cheerful and hilarious, Doctor: he is a man looking for love and seeking to help people, all the while trying to pull himself out of a self-deprecating rut.

Martel was extremely snarky, cynical, conniving, and downright mean as the Epilogue.

Clad in dark, paint-splattered clothes and sinister eye makeup, Martel pulled off the Epilogue with a flourish; she also added touches of comic relief, especially during the sad, distressing second act.

However, Colin James Fuller as the Man stole the

show: he played a shy, angry, defensive, somewhat cowardly awkward young man, who falls in love with the Woman (Kayla Kennedy).

The Woman and the Man form a romantic relationship, which seems to be their salvation. Although, this relationship causes their downfall, and, even, the Woman's death.

Fuller's scenes with Kennedy, at least in the first act, were cute, in a painfully-awkward sort of way, while his scenes in the second act were tear-inducing and full of anger.

The entire cast and crew did an amazing job, and if you missed this production, you certainly missed out on something extraordinary.

Are there any concerts going on in our area of Western MA.?

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### Tyler Morissette Voice Reporter

Only here at the Westfield Voice will you get great coverage of the 85th Academy Awards. Even though the show was on Sunday, we're going to dive into it anyway. The show for me personally was in the middle, nothing great but nothing terrible like two years ago when James Franco and Anne Hathaway hosted.

The host of the prestigious awards show was Family Guy creator and actor Seth MacFarlane whose edgy comedic style was something that many people knew coming in could create some problems for the show, but whose appeal to younger

viewers, and whose singing and dancing would work well for older viewers as well.

However, MacFarlane's style as a whole is something that he himself always seems to be fighting.

He has this frat boy mentality with his humor, but yet at times glimpses of some great singing and dancing chops and an appreciation for classic cinematography shine in.

During the 15-minute opening monologue he sang "High Hopes" and Frank Sinatra while Charlize Theron and Channing Tatum danced around him. But his cracks and snide comments particularly towards women just had me shaking my head.

His jokes about 9-year-

old nominee Quvenzhané Wallis growing up to one day have sex with George Clooney, or where he suggested that "Zero Dark Thirty" was a story about "every woman's innate ability to never ever let anything go" were just not that funny.

The show itself predictably went over the allotted time by a little more than a half hour. It showcased some great musically gifted performers like the amazing Jennifer Hudson, Adele, the ageless Barbra Streisand, and the classic diva Shirley Bassey.

I didn't think the tribute to Chicago was necessary as it seemed like Catherine Zeta Jones was lip syncing through it. In addition, I thought there could have been more to the trib-

ute to the 50th anniversary of the James Bond films which was promised.

To the award winners themselves there were a couple of upsets in categories of Best Director where Ang Lee won for "Life of Pi" and beat out Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln."

However, the biggest surprise was the win by Christopher Waltz who won best supporting actor for his role in "Django Unchained" over an amazing performance by Tommy Lee Jones in "Lincoln." It was Waltz's second Oscar, both times winning in movies directed by Quentin Tarantino (who won for best screenplay).

The other top awards of the night went to Anne Hathaway for best supporting actress

in "Le Mis" and the great Daniel Day Lewis for best actor in his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln in "Lincoln" were shoe-ins.

The breathtaking and wonderfully down to earth Jennifer Lawrence won best actress for "Silver Linings Playbook" and Ben Affleck's "Argo" won Best Picture, which was Affleck's second Oscar after receiving one 15 years ago for co-writing "Good Will Hunting" with Matt Damon.

So overall the show was okay, and most likely will receive a high rating, but this thing is for certain: While we most likely will see the likes of Lawrence, Affleck, Hathaway, and Lewis on the Oscar stage in the future we probably will never see MacFarlane on it again.



## Westfield Voice's Oscar coverage



### Emma Savoy Voice Reporter

It was a big year for movies. We went from a remake of Les Mis, to another violent Tarantino movie, and to other historical movies like Argo and Lincoln.

There were a lot of great performances, but once a year the stars get narrowed down and just one walks away with a little golden man.

For those of us who didn't have homework and did watch the Oscars instead of getting the play by play through Twitter, we were entertained by Seth

MacFarlane's hosting of this year's Academy Awards.

There was a theme for the show this year: a celebrating of music in movies.

Along with a tribute to all of the James Bond movies, there were a number of musical performances by artists such as Adele and Norah Jones.

Of all the talent shown in the movies this year, Jennifer Lawrence won best actress; Daniel Day-Lewis won best actor for "Lincoln"; best supporting actor went to Christoph Waltz; supporting actress was Anne Hathaway; and the best picture was "Argo."

"Life of Pi" won for best

director, but WSU sophomore Ariana Roche doesn't agree with the winner.

"I think Ben Affleck was robbed and should've been acknowledged for directing," Roche said.

Usually, there is a lot of criticism towards the host of the evening, this time around being someone we've come to know and love as the voice of Ted (who made an appearance) and of Family Guy.

Going with the music theme of the night, MacFarlane sang a number of songs and entertained the crowd with some dancing too.

"People were saying he

was annoying, but I thought he was funny," said WSU junior Kayleigh Shea.

CJ McEachern, a senior at Westfield State, agrees with Shea. "He couldn't be funnier. He was the best host I've seen," McEachern said. As for the movies, not many students have the time to go and see all nine nominated films between classes and studying.

"I'm not a movie goer. I wait for them to come out on DVD," said WSU freshman Courtney Cavanaugh.

Roche, one of the few who has seen all the nominated films, said, "I like to see who wins. I like to see the host make

fun of everybody."

Nick Donnini, a WSU senior, said the Oscars are "important for the fans and big for people who put in a lot of time and effort into the movies."

As for movies coming out in the near future, "21 and over" is a comedy coming out that may be a good relaxer during midterms.

For upcoming 2014 Oscar buzzes, this May's "The Great Gatsby" remake will be the first big summer movie of the year.

Now with all the big award shows finally over until next year, Sunday night television can finally go back to normal.

## Pianist to perform benefit concert to support Westfield Festival of New Music

### WSU Press Release

World renowned pianist Peter Serkin will perform a benefit concert at Westfield State University on Friday, March 15th.

The performance will be held at Dever Stage at 7:30 pm. This All-Beethoven Program will include the 11 Bagatelles, Op. 119, Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Op. 110, 6 Bagatelles, Op. 126 and Sonata No. 26 in E flat major op 81a "Les Adieux."

The proceeds from the show will benefit the Westfield Festival of New Music, which celebrates the composition, performance, and appreciation of new concert music by composers at various stages of their careers.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased online at [deverstage.com](http://deverstage.com) or at the door. Dever Stage is located in Parenzo Hall at 577 Western Avenue, Westfield, MA. Dever

Stage at Westfield State University offers Music, Dance and Theatre performances during the fall and spring semesters featuring students, faculty performers and guest speakers.

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Recognized as an artist of passion and integrity, the distinguished American pianist Peter Serkin is one of the most thoughtful and individualistic musicians appearing before the public today.

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Peter Serkin's musical heritage extends back several generations: his grandfather was violinist and composer Adolf Busch and his father pianist Rudolf Serkin.

In 1958, at age eleven, he entered the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia where he was a student of Lee Luvisi, Mieczyslaw Horszowski and Rudolf Serkin.

He later continued his studies with Ernst Oster, Marcel Moyse and Karl Ulrich Schnabel.

In 1959, Mr. Serkin made his Marlboro Music Festival and New York City debuts with conductor Alexander Schneider and invitations to perform with the Cleveland Orchestra and George Szell in Cleveland and Carnegie Hall and with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Eugene Ormandy in Philadelphia and Carnegie Hall soon followed.

He has since performed with the world's major symphony orchestras with such eminent conductors as Seiji Ozawa, Pierre Boulez, Daniel Barenboim, Claudio Abbado, Simon Rattle, James Levine, Herbert Blomstedt, Christoph Eschenbach, Grant Llewellyn, Rafael Frubeck de Burgos and

Robert Spano.

Also a dedicated chamber musician, Mr. Serkin has collaborated with Alexander Schneider, Pamela Frank, Yo-Yo Ma, the Budapest, Guarneri and Orion string quartets and TASHI, of which he was a founding member.

Most recently, Mr. Serkin played world premieres of Charles Wuorinen's Piano Concerto No. 4 with the Boston Symphony and James Levine in Boston, at Carnegie Hall and Tanglewood as well as the fifth piano concerto, "Time Regained," by Mr. Wuorinen with the Met Opera Orchestra and Levine, also at Carnegie Hall.

He premieres a solo work by Elliott Carter commissioned by Carnegie Hall and the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival; and Mr. Wuorinen's new Second Piano Quintet, commissioned by the Rockport Music Festival, with the Brentano String Quartet.

Mr. Serkin's 2012-2013 season began with summer ap-

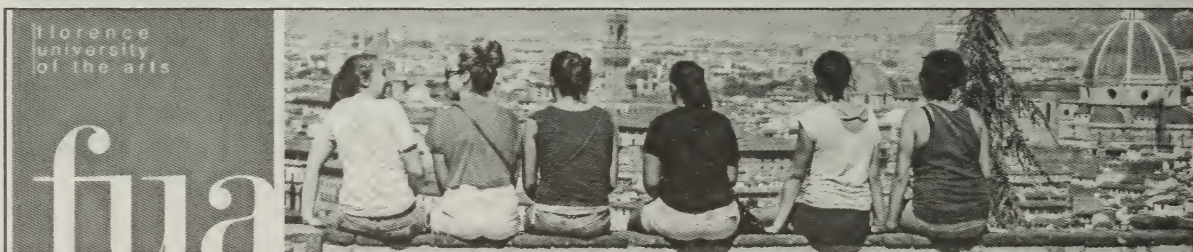
pearances at the festivals of Aldeburgh, Chautauqua, and Tanglewood.

In celebration of Tanglewood's 75th Anniversary, he performed Beethoven's Choral Fantasy with the Boston Symphony and David Zinman in a nationally televised broadcast for PBS.

He participated in Tanglewood's Contemporary Music Week with a performance of Duet by George Benjamin and was joined by the Tanglewood Music Festival Orchestra.

Mr. Serkin is also slated to make his second consecutive appearance with the Saito Kinen Festival in Japan.

Mr. Serkin's recording of the six Mozart concerti composed in 1784 with Alexander Schneider and the English Chamber Orchestra was nominated for a Grammy and received the prestigious Deutsche Schallplatten as well as "Best Recording of the Year" by Stereo Review magazine.



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# Album reviews

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

**Starry Saints: Serenade**  
This is electric rock in the same vein as The Killers, except that they don't really have as much of the groove The Killers have and always have more than one thing going on at the same time musically.

The album starts out strong, though, with "Angels" showing what this band can do when they push. They sound best when they are trying to do the most they can, and sadly I feel like they don't do that often enough on this album to truly recommend it.

Parts of it just blend together into the back of your mind (and not in the good way), and that unfortunate fact is what really separates them from the top tier in my view.

**Brutes: Wonderous Punch-** This is a rock (with a few punk tinges) album with a great sense of rhythm and some very strong hooks. There is, though, some pretty strong difference in quality between some of the tracks, with "Yourspace" and "Easter Island" being the strongest.

In tracks like this, the band goes up-tempo and reminds the listener of how good rock can be. My strongest criticism is that some of the tracks can be

a little repetitive at times, as if the band was trying to make the songs longer than they should be.

Nonetheless, I would still recommend this, as its strengths greatly outweigh its detriments.

**Wolf Gang: Wolf Gang EP-** This is one of the favorite EPs I've listened to recently, and my only disappointment was that it wasn't longer.

≈Nearly all of the tracks are incredibly catchy and shows the band's great sense of timing. The vocals are excellent, with no problem reaching the higher notes needed to give the songs their uplifting quality.

The opening track, "Lions in Cages," is outstanding and just grabbed me when I first heard it. There are two versions of the song "Dancing With The Devil," the better of which I feel is the one featuring Kyla La Grange (although the other is still good).

The two tracks marked as demos certainly didn't feel like demos in the least, it makes me wonder what the finished product sounds like. I really hope to be able to hear more from this band in the future.

**Jas Patrick: Working On My Soul-** This album is some blues-rock music that has been mixed with about everything I can think of (except maybe opera).

When I heard the sitar on



*photo by survivingthegoldenage.com*

the opening track (also the title track), had no idea what I was in for.

Luckily, it turned out to be some really interesting stuff, at least near the beginning of the album where the experimentation and genre-blending takes place. After this it's more straight blues-country-rock, but it's still not bad at all.

It gets a little repetitive in places, and at about an hour I feel as though the record could have been trimmed a bit, but it doesn't destroy the enjoyment you get from listening.

It's not absolutely phenomenal across the board, but it's fun and interesting and

worth the listen.

**Those Darlins: Screws Get Loose-** What we have here is a rock album with a female vocalist with very heavy punk influences all over the place.

There are repetitive riffs, lowbrow humor in the lyrics, and nothing taken too seriously.

It comes across as pretty average, really, except for a southern flavoring, it's nothing that really stands out to me.

I can't necessarily remember any of the tracks standing out to me, and out of 12 tracks something really should stand out. You may like it if you're into punk music, but other than that give it a pass.

## WSU music department celebrates 'new' concert music

### WSU Press Release

The Westfield State University Department of Music will hold its third annual Westfield Festival of New Music on Sunday March 3rd at 3:00 pm on Dever Stage.

The Westfield State University Festival of New Music celebrates the composition,

performance, and appreciation of new concert music by composers at various stages of their careers.

More than 200 submissions were sent in for review and 8 were chosen. Compositions range from well-known and established musicians such as composer Robert Carl to those fresh out of graduate school.

Westfield State faculty and students also will perform. Musicians whose work will be featured are Robert Carl, Michael Sterling Smith, Christopher Lee, Nina Young, Patricia Julien, Jason Schwartz, Kevin Zhang, and Kirsten Vollness.

Robert Carl will give a short keynote address to kick off the festival. Carl has been composing music for nearly 30

years including orchestral and ensemble, chamber music, piano, and vocal arrangements. His most recent is Symphony No. 4 "The Ladder" from 2008.

There will be a featured performance by The Generous Ensemble. The Generous Ensemble is a resident ensemble in Hartford specializing in the performance of new and experimental concert music.

# Men's basketball falls to Fitchburg in MASCAC tournament

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Coming into their semifinal game of the MASCAC tournament, Westfield State's men's basketball team had to feel confident facing Fitchburg State, a team they had beaten twice in the regular season by scores of 82-55 and 81-67.

But things would be different the third time the two teams faced, as the Owls had no answer for the sharp shooting of Mike Ingram-Rubin, who had 26 points and six three-pointers.

In the end, the top-seeded Owls fell 68-61 to fifth-seeded Fitchburg in the tournament semifinals on Thursday, Feb. 21, ending Westfield's hopes of playing in the 2013 Division III Championship national tournament.

Fitchburg's defense hounded Westfield early in the game, as the Owls could not get into a groove offensively, only scoring four points in the open-

ing 10 minutes of the game.

Senior guard Lee Vazquez scored 22 points in the game, and moved into fifth place on the all-time Westfield scoring list with 1,521 points.

Despite the high point total, he was cold from outside, only going 2-12 from three-point range and failing to get into a rhythm.

Senior Matt Devine recorded another double-double with 15 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks. But even with Devine's height advantage over most of Fitchburg's players, he also struggled shooting, going only 5-14 from the field.

Fitchburg executed their game plan without a hitch as they forced Westfield to come back from a large margin, causing Vazquez to take many contested shots and also limiting Devine from getting any second chance baskets.

But the main story of the game was the hot shooting of Fitchburg State by Rubin and Tom Henneberry, which quieted the boisterous Westfield crowd throughout the evening.

In fact, Westfield's fans only came alive after Rubin was called for a technical foul after taunting Vazquez and the Westfield student section. That technical foul brought some life back to the Owls as they went on an 18-4 run, but that run was not enough to stop Fitchburg in the end.

The Owls finished their MASCAC season with a record of 21-5. They earned the regular season MASCAC title and Vazquez was named conference Player of the Year.

The team will be losing four players to graduation, including the aforementioned Vazquez and Devine, guard Travis Nally and forward Ryan White, whose height caused a number of matchup problems for opponents.

Coach Sutter will have a hard time replacing the likes of Devine and Vazquez, as both played crucial roles for the Owls over the last four seasons.

Devine's presence will certainly be missed, as he leads the country in Division III in blocked shots per game after



*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Matt Devine hits an 18-foot jumper to tie the score with 1:49 remaining in the game.

also leading that category nationwide last year.

Vazquez averaged 15.5 points for his career and shot 33 percent from outside during his four years, and his leadership for the team will be missed as well.

Westfield will be returning sophomore Grant Cooper, who averaged 11 points per game this season. He will be looked to lead the team, along with sophomore guard Jordan Santiago.

Nonetheless, the Owls

will be a rebuilding team next year, as they will lose some amazing players to graduation.

But before Westfield's season officially comes to a close, the Owls earned the top seed in the ECAC Division III New England Tournament and host eighth seeded Emerson College in a quarterfinal round game on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

*\*Editor's Note: This article was published prior to the game between Westfield and Emerson on Feb. 27.*

# Falcons fly past Owls in MASCAC men's ice hockey tournament

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State men's ice hockey team had their season come to a premature end on Saturday, Feb. 23, after Fitchburg State defender Craig Halpin scored with 1:49 remaining in the game to upset the fourth-seeded Owls 4-3 in the opening round of the MASCAC tournament.

Westfield finished their season with a 14-9-3 record. Fitchburg improved to 11-13-2 with the win, but the Falcons lost 7-1 to number one seed Plymouth State on Tuesday, Feb. 26 in the tournament



*photo by Nick Villante*

Nic Vidoni (10) scores to tie the game in the third period.

semifinals.

John Celli got the scoring started a little over halfway through the first period, putting

Fitchburg on top 1-0, by beating sophomore goaltender Ian Perrier on the power play.

Westfield responded less

than a minute later when sophomore forward TJ Powers put home a pass from PJ. McCadden just outside the crease to tie the game 1-1.

Derek Giansanti added another power play goal with four minutes to play in the period to give Fitchburg a 2-1 lead heading into the first intermission.

In the second period, Westfield outshot Fitchburg 19-8, but could not beat goaltender Randy Wolcott, who finished with 48 saves on the night. Kevin Holmes scored the lone goal of the period to give Fitchburg a 3-1 lead heading into the final frame.

In the third period, an early too many men on the ice

penalty led to Powers' second goal of the night before Nic Vidoni tied the score at the halfway mark of the period, putting a rebound past Wolcott.

Halpin then put home the game-winner with a shot from the blue line that appeared to deflect off a Westfield defender before finding the back of the net.

A boarding penalty 30 seconds later against the Owls ruined any chance of scoring a game-tying goal.

Fitchburg got the win, despite being out-shot 51-25.

Seniors Brad Norkum, Jeff Callahan, Rory Wilkowich, Lucas Romero and Jason Nelson all played their final games in a Westfield jersey.



# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



This past Sunday I spent the evening watching my two favorite hoops teams, starting with Ohio State's bout with Michigan State and ending with the Cavaliers facing the Miami Heat.

As usual, for whatever reason while texting, my cousin and I continued on with a longstanding next level sports discussion that seems to always arise during games.

Despite my love for both collegiate basketball and the NBA, the professional game is by far the better version of Dr. James Naismith's game.

Before I lose the radicals to the hype of March Madness, hear me out.

It seems like fans allow the eccentric calls of Gus Johnson, office pools, pageantry, bands, cheering sections and big in-game runs of the college game to confuse what is good

and bad basketball. Hoop fans let their love affair with March Madness cloud their judgment to which game is both structurally and fundamentally, well, better.

There are a number of misconceptions about the association's game, including its lack of defense, effort, or intellect placed into a scheme on either end of the floor. The past few NBA Champions, Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles and Boston, were proficient on the defensive end.

I always find myself watching both games in two completely different manners. The college game has me sitting five feet away from the screen losing my mind over the turnover inducing fast breaks, open three-point shots caused by a defensive breakdown, or porous shooting from the field.

The NBA game allows

me to take it easy, lie in my bed, or even finish this column while my team is playing.

College basketball, for whatever reason, produces sloppy and miscalculated decision making on the defensive side, mostly pertaining to the lack of talent at the level. This allows players to get by based on their offensive game.

By the way, how are Jimmy Fredette, J.J. Redick and Adam Morrison doing in the professional game?

Unlike the college game, any given NBA rotation retains a level of useful scorers, all of whom having something to provide on the offensive side.

The rules of both games also separate them dramatically, the overwhelming majority of which favors the professional game. A 35-second shot clock in the college game, compared to the 24-second NBA shot

clock, is the source of many games across the country failing to reach 60 points on either side.

This shot clock causes fewer possessions in an already shortened game of 40 minutes, allowing teams to hold the ball down the stretch. Teams in the Big Ten Conference like Wisconsin are built around lulling their opponents to sleep while they pass it around like the Harlem Globetrotters before finding the right shot.

The bright lights of the NBA have drawn the best underclassmen in college basketball to leave the NCAA over the past decade before teams are able to build respectable depth.

With a weak incoming freshmen class nationwide this year, the college basketball game is without a dominant player or elite team.

This has caused a field of good to mediocre type teams that will beat each other up come March. Most teams that are considered Final Four contenders are a composed of a group of role players, led by one, maybe two good players.

Results from this tournament will equal more upsets and growing fallacies that upsets and extreme parity among a field of 68 teams is a good thing.

The NBA playoffs best-of-seven game structure proves to come up with the best team in the head-to-head matchup.

When it's all said and done, both games are entertaining and extremely popular.

Enjoy the heart racing and outrageous endings to college games come this postseason. But at the end of the day, the NBA is the epitome of basketball.

## Patriots' front office faces tough decisions in free agency

**Ryan Sances**  
Voice Reporter

After falling one game shy of the Super Bowl in 2012, the New England Patriots face an offseason full of tough decisions in 2013.

Many of the questions surrounding the Patriots this offseason revolve around three key free agent players: wide receiver Wes Welker, cornerback Aqib Talib and offensive tackle Sebastian Vollmer. The Patriots have the option of applying the franchise tag to one of these three players by the deadline of March 4.

Welker has been among the team's most popular and productive players since arriv-

ing in a trade from Miami in 2007. A favorite target of Tom Brady, Welker has recorded over 100 catches five times in his six seasons in New England.

The main issue in re-signing Welker appears to be money. Welker has been amongst the most productive receivers in football the past several seasons and wants to get paid like it.

There is speculation, however, that the Patriots would be hesitant to spend top dollar on an undersized slot receiver on the wrong side of 30, especially if they feel a younger player with a similar skill set (such as St. Louis Rams receiver Danny Amendola) is available at a cheaper price.

Welker has expressed a desire to return to New England and most signs point to

the Patriots wanting him back, but at the end of the day it's a business, and if both sides can't agree upon a new deal, losing Welker may be a very real possibility.

Another key Patriot free agent is cornerback Aqib Talib. Talib was instrumental in helping to stabilize a struggling secondary after he was acquired in a midseason trade from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Talib was often matched up against the opposing team's top receiver and his injury in the AFC title game loss has been cited by many fans as a turning point in the game.

Unfortunately, Talib's checkered past off the field as well as his overall inconsistency throughout his career bring into question whether he is truly

a long-term solution at the cornerback spot. Further complicating matters is the conviction for assaulting a police officer levied against fellow cornerback Alfonzo Dennard.

Dennard, who started alongside Talib down the stretch last season, is facing jail time for the conviction, putting his availability next season (and possibly his football career) in serious jeopardy. Losing both Talib and Dennard would put the Patriots secondary, a unit which has struggled mightily at times in recent seasons, back to square one.

The final Patriots free agent to keep an eye on is offensive tackle Sebastian Vollmer. Vollmer has proven to be an important cog on the Patriots' offensive line since being drafted

by the team in 2009.

Vollmer is expected to be one of the top offensive linemen available in free agency. Protecting Tom Brady is likely near the top of New England's list of concerns, but Vollmer's history of back injuries may make the team uncomfortable in investing in him on a long-term deal.

The Patriots are once again expected to be among the NFL's top contenders next season. But at this stage of his career, Tom Brady is closer to the end than the beginning and the window of opportunity for another Super Bowl title in the Brady-Belichick era may be slowly starting to close.

That makes this offseason one of the most critical New England's front office has faced in recent years.



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That place where you usually go? Don't go there. Instead go to the place you say you usually go but don't go, because you are ashamed to go. It will not be so shameful this week.

**Aries****(March 21 - April 20)**

When cometh the tea time, you should switch your seats two to the left, one up, and then one to the right. Switch at intervals varying between 4 minutes, 27 seconds, and 3 hours. Yes, you should have tea for at least 3 hours straight every day.

**Taurus****(April 21 - May 21)**

You should do something nice for yourself soon, and there are all sorts of things you can do that would qualify. Be the person you wish other people would be to you but aren't. Spoil yourself because, frankly, you deserve it.

**Gemini****(May 22 - June 21)**

One way of discussing your future is saying that you will be at the top of the world, but isn't that subjective? Instead, say you are at the center of our vast and unknown universe. No one can compete with that.

**Cancer****(June 22 - July 22)**

This week the stars say that things are going to be fantastic. Please pay no attention to the cross-fingers shaped constellation in the background of the sky tonight. It's just your imagination.

**Leo****(July 23 - August 23)**

There is a place in your mind that the nighttime sky knows about that you don't. You should go on a journey to find that place, no matter what it takes, no matter what you think it might cost you.

**Virgo****(August 24 - September 22)**

Your financial choices could have a great impact and help people all around the world. They may also lead to the horrific and untimely demise of some people, most likely the impoverished. Make good choices!

**Libra****(September 23 - October 22)**

This week, you are not reading the horoscopes. Instead, the horoscopes are reading you. So, what are you going to tell them? The horoscopes need to know what to watch out for. Don't lie.

**Scorpio****(October 23 - November 21)**

The Tuesday after you read this horoscope you will be asked a question. If you answer the question with the number "64", you will likely get an interesting response. Try it out, you never know what you will find.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 - December 21)**

If there is a star in the sky and it is following you, and you call it a helicopter, you might still call it a star. That don't make no sense. That don't make no sense at all.

**Capricorn****(December 21 - January 20)**

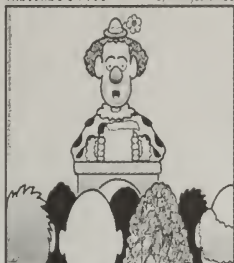
Perhaps if you give this paper to the next person you see they will inherit the bad or good fortune you have been getting lately. There is only one way to find out. Hand it over. Don't be greedy.

**Aquarius****(January 21 - February 19)**

This week if you talk in rhyme all the time as opposed to mime and climb, you might find that everything will be just fine. In fact, everything will even be most sublime.

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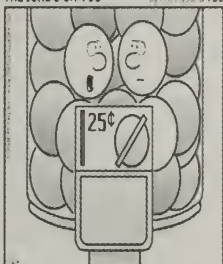


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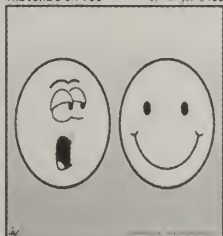


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## On campus vs. off: Where will you live?

**Alex Myers**  
Editor-in-Chief

Thinking about living off campus next year?

Students across Westfield State's campus are very familiar with these words, as signs promoting the benefits of on-campus living are posted throughout the residence halls.

Joshua Hettrick, assistant director of Residential Life, said that even though the numbers of students that signed up for housing is "slightly down" this year as opposed to last, the main reason for the flyers is not because student don't want to live on campus.

According to Hettrick, off-campus properties were "getting aggressive" with their promotions and lying about what Westfield's housing has to offer.

For example, he said Courthouse Square, without approval from the University or Residential Life, put up flyers alleging Westfield State does not allow students to live on campus during the winter and summer breaks.

Hettrick said this is not the case, and that students do, in fact, have the option to remain on campus year round.

"If I was student and I

saw that," he said, "I'd be worried."

In order to combat those things, WSU's Residential Life department decided to do more promos in the form of the flyers that students have been seeing around campus.

"Students are worried about cost," Hettrick said, and for some people, living off campus is a cheaper option.

"We know that there's options that are less expensive off campus than on," he said, "but [living on campus] is not as expensive as people think."

Students living off campus have to worry about hassles such as finding parking everyday, paying for Internet and electricity, and traveling to a Laundromat to do laundry.

Besides the amenities students can get right on campus, the monthly cost broken down is also cheaper.

After averaging rent, utilities, cable, gas, and groceries off campus the cost comes to roughly \$1,170. The highest per month cost for on campus housing is \$1,191 for University Hall with a meal plan. After that, it's \$1,085 in New Hall. This information and more can be seen on the flyer.

Contrary to how the flyers make it seem, Residential Life is not desperate for students to choose WSU housing; the num-

ber of first year students about to be sophomores is just lower this year than last, Hettrick said.

"At this time last year, we

had 890 first-year students on campus versus 740 this year," he said. "We had 92% of these students submit deposits this year

so our retention is very high, it was just with a smaller number of students to pull from."

Next year, though, the incoming freshmen class will grow by approximately 200 students, resulting in more beds and plenty of space for students.

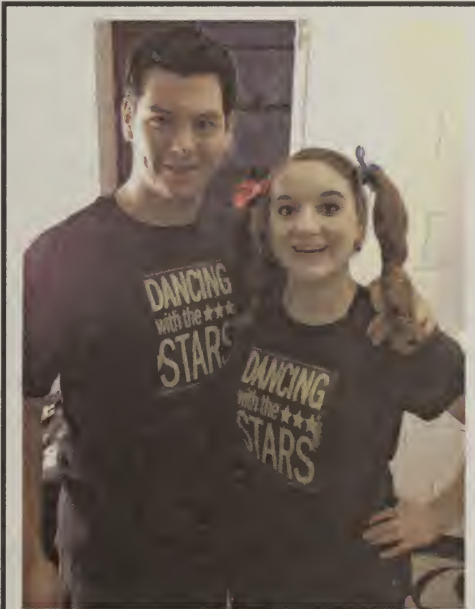
Carol Persson, Vice President of Enrollment Management, said, "The target admission for new students was increased from a total of 1400 to 1600 for fall 2013. I believe the reasons for this include the opening of University Hall as well as fewer new students than expected enrolled in fall 2012."

Hettrick said, "We're going to have the space for more students than we've been able to in the past."

However, he is aware of the fact that there are pluses and negatives to both living on campus and off.

"If [living off campus] is right for them it's right for them. We understand that," Hettrick said, "but our positives outweigh our negatives by a long shot."

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about housing, Hettrick welcomes anyone to the Housing Committee meetings Tuesday at 4:00 at Residential Life. There are certain things that just "make sense," he said, and he wants to know about them.



*photo by Nicole Morin*

At the Class of 2015's fundraiser "Dancing with the Stars," participants Nicole Morin and Lew Cassidy danced to Lollipop by Mika. **For the full article, see page 4.**

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2/17/2013 to 3/02/2013

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION
02/17/13	1807	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	DICKINSON HALL
02/18/13	0028	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	SCANLON HALL
02/19/13	2155	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(OTHER) BANNED STUDENT TRESPASSED FROM CAMPUS	COURTNEY HALL
02/21/13	1704	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	LAMMERS HALL
02/21/13	2228	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(DRUGS)	DAVIS HALL
02/21/13	2321	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL) PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	DICKINSON HALL
02/22/13	2358	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	SCANLON HALL
02/23/13	0335	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(DRUGS) DRUGS AND PARAPHERNALIA FOUND CITATION ISSUED	SCANLON HALL
02/23/13	1554	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL) MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL NON-STUDENT ARRESTED	LANSDOWNE PLACE
02/24/13	0111	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL) TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL	NEW HALL
02/24/13	0127	COLLEGE POLICY VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	DICKINSON HALL
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## Survey measures student engagement

**Rob Donoghue**  
Managing Editor

Westfield State University has asked all first-year students and graduating seniors to complete the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) to help the university better understand students' experiences both in and out of the classroom.

The NSSE measures student engagement in terms of in-class academic activities and the connections between students and faculty members outside the classroom.

While Westfield has used other student surveys in the past, this is the first time the University has conducted the NSSE.

Dr. Lisa Plantefaber, Westfield's Interim Dean of Research and Assessment, said that the NSSE is a well-established and respected research study that will allow Westfield faculty and administrators to better understand the college experience of WSU students.

Plantefaber said the University found that there was a lack of connection between students and faculty members outside the classroom in the past. The results of this survey will let the University know if the changes they've made in the past few years to improve that link have been effective.

"The results of this survey allow us to see what changes have been effective, and what areas we could still improve and pay more attention to," Plantefaber said.

The NSSE, which is utilized annually by more than 600 colleges and universities across the United States and Canada, is taken by first-year students and seniors so that schools can compare the responses between students who have just begun their college career and those who are set to graduate.

The NSSE asks questions

about students' experiences in the classroom, their academic work outside the classroom, and their relationships with faculty members.

Plantefaber said the survey is important because it provides University officials with information directly based on student opinions. Student survey responses are confidential and the overall data report will be released later this year.

Westfield will compare the survey results with the results of similar universities. Plantefaber said that the data will be made available in the public domain so that University administrators and faculty members can see what progress and improvements need to be made.

Of course, in order for Westfield to utilize the NSSE results to make positive changes for students, current first-year students and seniors at the University need to take the survey so that the finals results will be based on a sizeable data sample.

An email containing a link to the NSSE survey, which takes only 15 minutes on average to complete, was sent to all first-year students and seniors on February 26. A final email reminder will be sent to stu-

email notification was sent out. Plantefaber said she is hoping that at least 800 students will take the survey before it closes in April.

Westfield State seniors Victoria Downs and Jessica Hagen have been working as student interns in the Department of Institutional Research and Assessment with Plantefaber this semester to develop a marketing and communication plan to make students aware of NSSE.

Downs said that their plan has been to first raise recognition of NSSE generally on campus with posters, social media, and direction interaction with students.

She said that the second phase of the plan has been to help students understand why the survey is important.

Although students receive no direct incentive for taking the survey, Downs said it's important for students to know that taking the survey "will better the community and help the school out in the long run."

Plantefaber said that she hopes this survey can change the culture overall on campus and let students know that this is another way for them to communicate with faculty members and get involved.

## Coffey Break with Matt Preman

by *Kylie Coffey*



Hometown: Wilbraham, MA  
Major: Psychology

1. What are you doing over Spring Break?  
Going to Pittsfield.
2. If you could eat one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?  
Prime Rib because it's delicious.
3. What's your favorite song at the moment?  
Anything by Wacka Flacka and MGK.
4. How many Twitter followers do you have?  
106.
5. Who is your favorite person to follow on Twitter?  
Brandon Spikes because he says whatever he wants.
6. What was the last website you went on?  
Twitter.
7. Who is your best friend?  
Probably Mac.
8. Boxers or Briefs?  
Boxers.

If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [someone@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:someone@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.

### First Years & Graduating Seniors

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# 'Dancing with the Stars' at WSU

**Jeffrey Ohene Darko**  
Voice Reporter

Dancing with the Stars was held on Friday, March 1 at the Dever Stage in Parenzo.

The event was hosted by the Student Government Association Class of 2015 Council to raise money for Shriners Children Hospital in Springfield, MA.

The event commenced with the introduction of hosts Tom "Tall Tom" Waghorne and Lauren LeRoux, as well as all six-partnered contestants.

The Class of 2015 council was able to donate a total amount of \$2000 to Shriners

Children Hospital.

Kaiya Hill, a business management major and also the treasurer on the council said, "I am still in disbelief as to how this came about. I was not expecting us to even make up to \$600."

Courtney Keddy, an SGA Rep for the council also took to Facebook to express her excitement about the show.

Keddy said, "I smiled the entire drive home tonight! I am so proud of our council for putting on such a successful event!"

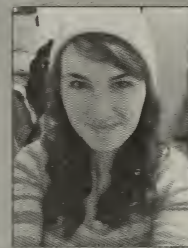
"And even more proud that we are donating almost \$2000 to a hospital that is very close to my heart. I can't wait to present that check to Shriners hospital! So proud of us!"

The dancers taking part in the fund-raising by collecting door-to-door donations also shared their views on the show and would therefore encourage it as an annual event.

"The show was very fun," said participant Nicole Morin. "Everyone involved worked really hard to make the event a success for Shriners and also to make it a quality show for the audience."

"After the final donations I think we raised about \$2,000 for the hospital, which is pretty crazy for a student-run fundraiser," Morin continued. "The class of 2015 worked so hard and they couldn't have picked a better cause to support."

## Editor's Desk



**I have another proposition!**

This weekend I went to visit my best friend who goes to Roger Williams University. Anyone could get into her building, "New Res," because there is a small convenience store on the bottom floor. But when we walked up the stairs, she had to use her ID to get into the hallway. Not that weird, considering we just upgraded to ID access to the res. halls. However, she also got to use her ID to get into her apartment and her bedroom. Tell me that isn't awesome! No annoying keys, especially for those of us who have two - one for the apt. and one for our rooms. Let's get them. Not that it will affect me because I'm graduating...but still.

To end: this past weekend I found out some rather devastating news about a close member of my family. It made me open my eyes to a lot of things, but mostly, I just have to say: don't complain about the tiny things in life. Things could be so much worse for you.

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## Weekly update from Student Government

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

At the last meeting, Chris Hurtle, the Chief Information Officer of Information Technology, came to speak about a few things.

First, he spoke about the internet going down both all over campus and in the residence halls earlier this week.

He also spoke about how wireless printing is available to all students.

To get instructions for this, go to the IT home page for the link. He also talked about

the password reset utility option that you can set up so that you do not have to contact the IT help desk when your password resets. Information on this is also on the IT homepage.

Stone Koury, the Student Trustee, spoke about 17 students going to Boston on Tuesday for State House Day.

These students advocated for higher education. The trip was a success and he thinks that they had an impact.

Josh Frank, the Vice President of Finance, asked the Senate to vote on allocating money to both the Business Club and the Biology Club. Both proposals were passed.

The Vice President of

Academic Life spoke about the change in the May finals schedule and that course offering booklets are now available for Fall 2013.

I also spoke about advising bookmarks that I and Academic Affairs created to hopefully make the advising period a bit more helpful.

These will be given to all students through residence halls and will be available around campus as well.

The Student Government's next meeting is Tuesday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the SGA room located in the garden level of Ely, next to Dunkin Donuts. All meetings are open to the public.

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# Spring Break and STD dangers

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

It's the middle of the semester. The course load is piling up and you are ready for a break.

For many college students, this means forgetting about all the work still ahead, packing their bags and heading somewhere warm where they think their only worries will be picking out what tropical beverage to drink.

But there are indeed many dangers that students should be worried about when vacationing on Spring Break.

Spring Break is a chance to meet new people from all over. Usually, this leads to bringing a person home with you.

Casual hookups are not uncommon on Spring Break vacations; in fact they happen frequently.

Very commonly, these random hookups are the result of intoxication.

In a survey, over 50% of men and 41% percent of women admitted consuming alcohol prior to having sexual intercourse.

Within those percentages, 49% of men and 38% of women admitted that having these sexual relations were a direct result of drinking.

The fact is that promiscuous things happen on Spring Break.

The whole culture of it has been glorified on television networks like MTV, on the basis that the experience is all about sex, drinking, and drugs.

Students on Spring Break also have the reputation of being irresponsible.

In a study, 26% of males and 36% of females do not practice safe sex with someone they just met while vacationing. In general, 75% of students reported not using a condom on Spring Break.

For students traveling on Spring Break wishing to meet new people but are afraid of the consequences they'll face if they find themselves in a

sticky situation, never fear. A new website is here to ease your mind about letting a new person into your bed.

Qpid.me, developed by Ramin Bastani, will send anyone your Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) results at the click of a button.

This new online technology will obtain your results, securely store them, and share your result to those who you give permission to view. These services are free of charge.

"The reality is that college students and even high school seniors take a trip during Spring Break, we are just trying to help them make safer choices and realize it's essential to protect yourself if you choose to engage in sexual activity with someone you don't know well," said Bastani.

So whether you are going to Panama City Beach, Cancun, Myrtle Beach, or staying home, practice safe sex. If that is not a possibility or you make a mistake, just know that your friends at Qpid.me are here to help ease your mind.

## Editor's Desk



It's time again for one of these last moments for us seniors... Spring Break! It's the last time we'll be traveling home, not actually in spring, to spend a week with our families or flying to someplace warm to spend time with our friends.

Different from past years though, this Spring Break I'm really kicking my life into gear. Any free time I have during that one week is going to be spent marketing myself to potential employers. I don't really care where I work in the Communication field, as long as I work somewhere making more than \$10/hour doing something I love. (Hopefully I can have both!)

So while I'm out there telling people why they should hire me, I hope all of you are enjoying your breaks doing something that's equally as important to you. Have fun! :)

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# Westfield State recognizes lesser known March holidays

**Emma Savoy**  
Voice Reporter

Aside from Saint Patrick's Day, there are other lesser known holidays spread throughout March that are being recognized at Westfield State University this month. The Dining Commons will feature five National food days for March.

"Each special food days we have a special menu for the day," said Farina Lees, who is in charge for WSU Sodexo Marketing.

The five holidays featured this month are Banana Cream Pie Day on March 2nd, Pound Cake Day on March 4th,

Oatmeal Cookie Day on March 18th, Ravioli Day on March 20th, and Pecan Day on March 25th.

Some of the foods may be incorporated into meals for the days, like ravioli and pecans. The others will be featured as desserts.

Only the Dining Commons will have foods featured for the day. Places like Dunkin Donuts and the Subway will not be featuring anything special.

Also, for anyone paying attention and trying to make healthier eating choices, they can balance out a piece of cake or cookie with a salad and fruit.

Banana Cream Pie started showing up in cookbooks in the

early 1900s.

The recipes typically call for a bottom crust (usually made out of graham crackers), sliced bananas and a custard filling sometimes topped with whipped cream.

Pound cake was originally intended to feed large families, and now-a-days can be in all shapes and sizes.

Traditionally, they were baked in loaf pans, and included the basic ingredients of sugar, flour, butter, and eggs.

National Oatmeal Cookie Day is actually celebrated on two days in the year.

March 18th is technically National Lacy Oatmeal Cookie Day and April 30th is National

Oatmeal Cookie Day; a great excuse to eat them twice.

Ravioli comes from an Italian verb, *riavvolgere*, which means "to wrap."

It can have multiple kinds of food hidden inside, ranging from plain cheese and meat to vegetables and chocolate.

Pecans can be incorporated in both dinners and desserts and are one of the healthy options on this list.

A little fun fact about them is they are the only native nut tree to North America.

Besides celebrating different types of food this month, March has other unrecognized national holidays worth mentioning, such as National Bub-

ble week.

This past week has featured Multiple Personality Day on Tuesday, Be Nasty Day on the 8th, and Panic Day on Saturday the 9th.

For those of you who got hungry reading this or just want to try your shot at being Martha Stuart, there are some websites you can visit to celebrate these holidays yourself.

Allrecipes.com and www.tasteofhome.com are good sites, and JoyofBaking.com has many recipes along with videos.

If you get bored relaxing over spring break, the month of March is offering many days to celebrate something pretty random. Embrace the uncertainty.

# Competency and Conservatism: 'The country doesn't care'

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

The past few weeks have been uneventful in the world of politics. Other than the sequester, I am perplexed on a topic to write about.

I've already written on cabinet changes and President Obama's lackluster leadership. Do not worry, I will not write another boring article about the sequester, here to referred to as the "s" word. But something did happen that is quite interesting.

Washington Post Reporter and Watergate era legend, Bob Woodward blasted the White House for allegedly threatening him.

He claimed that economic advisor Gene Sperling told him he would be sorry for reporting on an issue related to the "s" word. I don't plan to divulge

into the details too much.

However, emails were released showing that Sperling did indeed tell Woodward that he would "regret staking that claim." Mr. Woodward claimed that President Obama had "moved the goal-post" regarding raising revenues.

This erupted into a fiery controversy that has consumed the media.

Mr. Woodward has been all over cable television telling his version of the events and the White House has been vigorously defending Mr. Sperling's comments.

What is clear after reading the email is that it was blown completely out of proportion.

I can't imagine why Bob Woodward decided to pick a fight on this issue. The man who brought down President Richard Nixon shouldn't scare so easy.

In my opinion, he was try-

ing to make a point about civility and used a terrible example. The two men are good friends and the comments by Sperling were not malicious.

One of my personal heroes, Tom Brokaw, said it best when asked for a comment on Meet the Press: "We've got to move on, the country doesn't care about this. This is an intramural fight in a high school cafeteria. It should be over, now."

Mr. Brokaw is right, the average American couldn't care less about these events. The country is facing huge problems and it needs actual solutions.

I'll admit politics like me were probably following this story rather closely, waiting for the drama to unfold. But most Americans got up Friday morning and went to work.

They weren't worried about the possibility of the White House threatening a reporter

It just didn't matter because fiscal Armageddon was approaching and the only uncertainty that awaited was how exactly the government would avoid it.

The manner in which Washington D.C. does business is appalling. It doesn't appear that Congress will ever come up with a plan to fix out budgetary problems. Or that Democrats and Republicans will work towards American prosperity.

Optimism of the American spirit is fading into rancorous debates about the role of government. Should we ban guns? Throw out the Voting Rights Act? Or stop funding programs that help lower income families?

These types of questions are relevant, but they do not matter unless we can do something about our budget.

Congress and the President need to work together on

issues of commonality. We might not be able to agree on revenues, but can we at least agree that randomly slashing spending by \$85 million is reckless?

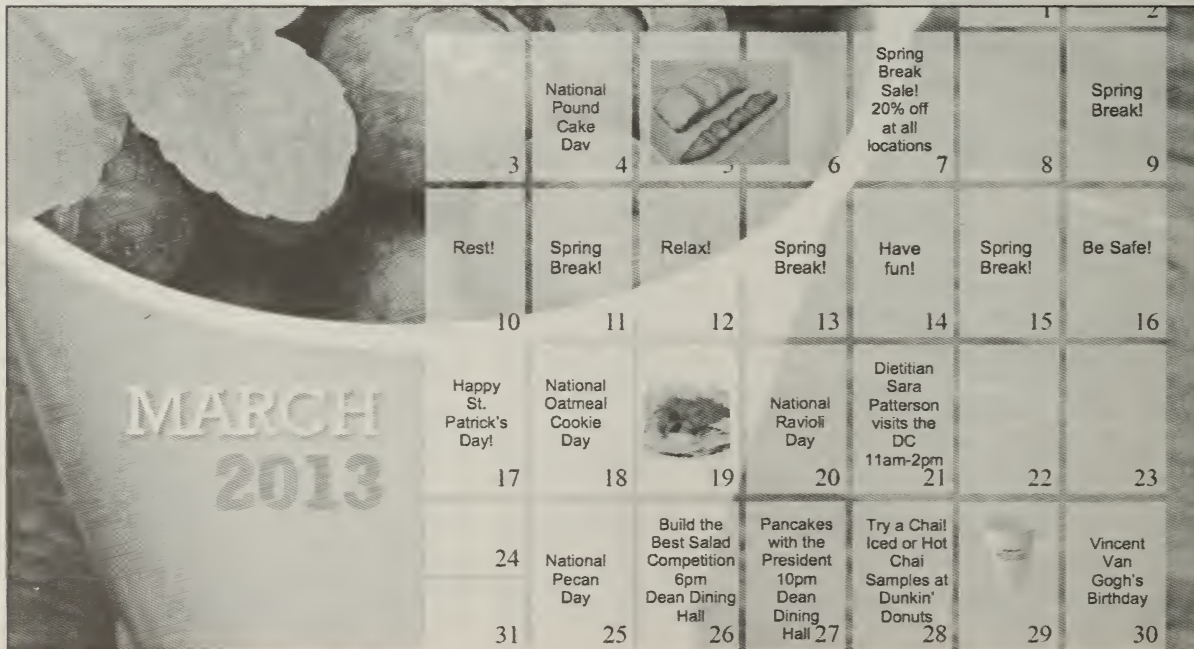
The United States of America has always done the "big" things.

How can a nation that built the Hoover Dam or sent a man to the moon not be able to pass a budget?

It is disgraceful that our representatives in government can't put the country first. And whether Bob Woodward or Gene Sperling get along, there are bigger problems.

Every day decent people don't get the chance to live the American dream because our country isn't taking the next leap towards greatness.

The country doesn't care about petty bickering. It wants results and Mr. President, that's your cue.





# Education major speaks about Education and MTELS

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

I will be the first one to admit that the world of education and the public schools are a complete mess.

Though there are some great educators out there to help students achieve their highest potential, it is almost impossible to do so with the numerous testing that students have to do.

It's really sad that in a third grade classroom, students said that some of their hopes and dreams for the school year were to pass the MCAS test.

Is that the message we want to be sending our children,

that school is basically all about standardized testing?

Nevertheless, this mindset of the importance of testing is not limited to young students; it is the same for future teachers.

You see, it doesn't matter anymore if you are great with children, can run an effective classroom, and can design activities that will enrich students' minds. No, the only way that one can become a teacher is by passing the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

In order for a teacher to be licensed, they must pass these tests with a score of 240.

Now before people start jumping down my back, and ask why shouldn't teachers take

a test to prove if they are going to be teachers like other professions do?

But let me tell you a little secret, unlike those tests, which ask questions that are relevant to the field that the person is entering, the tests that teachers take are nothing more than the SAT's.

They are irrelevant to the field that teachers are entering most of the time, and do not prove if someone is suitable to become a teacher.

Rather, all they prove is if someone is a good test taker, and can afford the 100-dollar admission fee for the test. For each test it cost about 100 or so dollars to take the test, and that fee is for every test, as the tests are broken down i.

Therefore, you see future educators digging into their pockets trying to pay an admission fee for a test, which will decide their future.

My personal favorite part of the whole testing process is that when you get your scores back, all one sees on their results is their score, if they failed to reach the qualifying score, and some check marks next to areas of which you scored on questions.

Basically, it is a very vague results sheet that doesn't help anyone in figuring out what they did wrong to improve the next time they take the test.

There are so many great potential teachers out there that cannot become one because of the fact that they struggle with

these tests.

The tests don't measure anything that looks at the kind of teacher you are, or the kind of classroom presence you present in the school.

Thus, this continues the awful cycle of standardized testing in the education field. Students as young as second grade are taking standardized tests, and it doesn't end for future teachers as well.

When did we as a society become so enamored with testing that nothing else matters?

The sad truth is that this trend will never end, and we as future teachers and students are forced to be placed in these predicaments if we want to succeed according to the status quo.

## More conservatives fighting the battle for marriage equality

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

Conservatives don't fight for marriage equality, right?

For years, they've stressed the idea that marriage is between a man and a woman. Men don't marry men just like women don't marry women. And they most certainly aren't gay. How many gay Republicans can you name?

Things are changing and most certainly for the better.

Just as more states are now passing laws allowing same-sex couples to marry, more and more Republicans are coming out in support of the practice, which has been illegal since the country's founding.

The issue of gay marriage has long been a liberal issue, as conservatives refused to acknowledge the possibility of it ever existing in America.

Beginning with the trend-setting 2003 Massachusetts Supreme Court case, *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*, which legalized gay marriage in the state, eight other states (Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington) and two Native American tribes (Coquille and Suquamish) have legalized the practice.

California and Rhode Island also recognize gay marriages, but only in certain circumstances.

The argument for gay marriage, in my opinion, is far superior to the argument against.

To say that two consenting homosexual adults cannot pursue their happiness, as allowed in the Declaration of Independence, and that they are banned from conducting whatever practices they desire within the confines of their bedroom, is to say that two

consenting heterosexual adults cannot as well.

Arguing that marriage is between a man and a woman and that homosexual couples aren't able to raise children is a weak argument considering the fact that it has been practiced in civilization for hundreds—even thousands—of years.

Ancient civilizations practiced homosexuality rather openly and did not experience the prejudice that our far more modern society casts upon homosexuals.

Just last year, President Barack Obama, a Democrat with liberal positions on other social issues, finally came around to support gay marriage—and only after his Vice President put the words in his mouth.

And more recently, Republicans and conservatives alike have been coming to the forefront in support of gay marriage.

Jon Huntsman, a former

Ambassador of the United States to China and 2012 Republican presidential candidate, came out in support of gay marriage in a recent article published in *The American Conservative*.

"All Americans should be treated equally by the law, whether they marry in a church, another religious institution, or a town hall," Huntsman said.

"This does not mean that any religious group would be forced by the state to recognize relationships that run counter to their conscience," he said. "Civil equality is compatible with, and indeed promotes, freedom of conscience."

This view is also held by more than 80 other Republicans who signed a pro-gay marriage pledge recently. Some of those Republicans included Alex Castellanos, former media advisor for Mitt Romney's 2008 campaign; Paul Cellucci, former governor of Massachusetts; and

Gary Johnson, former governor of New Mexico and 2012 Republican presidential candidate.

The Westfield State Republican Club, comprised of students on this campus, is currently writing a platform that expresses their conservative political views.

Their position on gay marriage states that the club recognizes marriage is a right that should be allowed between two consenting adults regardless of their sexual orientation, just so long as religious organizations' views aren't impeded in the process.

The issue of gay marriage is most certainly not solely a liberal issue anymore.

More and more conservatives are coming out in support of the practice, just as society is beginning to recognize that the predatory perception of gay marriage was created out of prejudice.



# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

## Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



Is Dennis Rodman planning for a career in politics or international diplomacy?

I doubt it, but the five-time NBA champion has made waves over the past week for his basketball diplomacy trip to North Korea.

The bad-boy of basketball known as "The Worm" became the first and only American to have met and spoken with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un. Rodman may now have more personal insight into the mysterious dictator than the entire U.S. State Department.

If you're unfamiliar with this story, Dennis Rodman took a little trip to one of the most oppressive countries in the world last week on a basketball diplomacy mission for the making of a Vice Media documentary that will air on HBO.

This story is just flat out bizarre, and one that I'm still trying to wrap my head around.

I wasn't quite sure how to respond to the pictures of Kim and Rodman chuckling together at a basketball game. (On a side note, check out the video reports from the basketball game and notice how everyone in the crowd is wearing the same clothes, has the same facial expressions, and how they even clap at the same time. It reminded me of the scary picture that's often used in the media of Kim with the endless North Korean army seated behind him.)

Rodman's trip to North Korea also included ice-skating and dinner (and quite a few drinks as well) with the young dictator. After the visit was all said and done, Rodman declared that he had a new friend for life.

During his equally strange interview with George Stephanopoulos (pretty much everything Rodman does is weird), Rodman called Kim a "great guy."

Stephanopoulos called him out on it, wondering how someone who has threatened to destroy the United States and sent an estimated 200,000 people to prison labor camps (not to mention the inhumane torture of many North Korean citizens and devastating food shortages in the country) could be "great" or "awesome."

Rodman also said that Kim didn't want to go to war, and would like President Obama to call him. "The Worm" pointed out that the two both love basketball, which could be the starting point for discussions between the two leaders.

Before the interview ended, Stephanopoulos handed Rodman a copy of the Human Rights Watch report on North Korea and told him to ask Kim about the prison camps and millions of starving citizens the next time he visits his friend. (It was pretty clear Stephanopoulos was irritated with the whole interview.)

There are really two ways to look at this story.

The first is that Rodman's trip basically serves as a publicity stunt for Kim, even propping up his regime. This is the view that many in the media and political world have taken in denouncing the Rodman trip.

On Monday, White House press secretary Jay Carney said, "Instead of spending money on celebrity sporting events to entertain the elites of that country, the North Korean regime should focus on the

well-being of its own people, who have been starved, imprisoned and denied their human rights."

The State Department also said they had no plans to speak to Rodman.



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New "friends for life" Rodman and Kim hug it out in North Korea.

But looking at the other side of this strange story, Rodman's actions have brought the repressive North Korean dictatorship into the spotlight for millions of Americans who didn't know who Kim Jong Un was prior to this trip.

On a more important note, isn't it possible that Rodman's trip could open up the line of communication between America and North Korea?

Jim Camp, the founder and chief executive of the Camp Negotiation Institute, had an interesting take on Rodman's trip in an article he wrote for Forbes on Monday. Camp said that it might not be so crazy for the White House to consider contacting Kim.

In his article, Camp wrote the following: "Obama's

team need to ask themselves: What if President Franklin D. Roosevelt had met with Hitler before the war to create a sobering vision of the U.S. military joining forces with the Allies?

The continued tests and development of nuclear weapons in North Korea is a terrifying reality that could trigger World War III.

Let's be honest: Dennis Rodman is a clown. The man is not going to be the next Jimmy Carter of foreign diplomacy.

His interview with Stephanopoulos was embarrassing and his compliments of Kim were just ignorant.

But if there's any chance that Rodman's diplomatic initiative could lead to substantial dialogue between North Korea and the United States, shouldn't that possibility be explored?

Shouldn't the State Department at least be interested in talking to the only American who's spoken with Kim?

And if a love of basketball or Dennis Rodman or anything out of this crazy trip could ease nuclear tensions in North Korea, doesn't the White House have a duty to at least look into it?

It certainly wouldn't be the first time that sports have eased international tensions.

I'll be interested to see the final product of the documentary when it's aired on HBO.

Vice co-founder Shane Smith has visited North Korea twice in the past for the production of a different documentary and was eventually banned from traveling there after his scathing report.

So maybe this upcoming documentary won't be a clown show after all.

More importantly, maybe "The Worm" can end up having a positive impact on United States-North Korea relations... and isn't that a bizarre thought.



# WSU's 48-Hour Play Slam featured 'amazing' talent

**Jessica Thelen**  
Voice Reporter

On Saturday night, Westfield's own Student Theatre Association hosted their first ever 48-Hour Play Slam.

Juniors Allison Martel and Barrett Tamaren-Leddy coordinated the event, and hope to keep the event going for years to come.

You may be wondering what a play slam is. Well, groups of students are given a prompt and 48 hours to write, design, and act in their very own 10-minute play.

The play slam on Saturday night featured five groups of students from various backgrounds; some were theater kids, while others were Communication or English majors, and many more.

Each group had five people with a roughly even mix of both male and female students.

I didn't quite know what to expect from STA's first ever play slam, but I was floored!

Each play was well written, as well as directed and designed wonderfully.

The plays ranged from the comedic ("This Party Sucks" and "Puddle of Doom"), to the more philosophical and serious ("The Secret Life of Daytime," "Bluebird," and "Contents Un-

known").

"The Secret Life of Daytime" kicked off the evening, featuring Addison Boroff, Alex MacBeth, Dan Monopoli, Carolyn Saba, and Gabby Smachetti.

This short play started the night off on a relatively serious note; the play focused on a class of high school students, each with their own unique personalities and characteristics.

Smachetti played the deranged teacher, who gives one boy a rather strange spring break assignment.

This assignment was to think about death. The play was pretty intense, ending with Smachetti screaming and covering on the floor in her psychiatrist's office, while her therapist (Dan Monopoli) told her it was time to start her on her daytime meds (hence the play's title).

Next up was "This Party Sucks," the most purposely comical piece of the evening, starring Nate Canty, Hannah Clifford, Maddy Fitzsimmons, Tessa Newell, and Richard Varela.

Canty wrote the play and helped direct it; Varela was the main director, and everyone acted.

"This Party Sucks" was about Milo's (Nate Canty) party. The party seemed to go off without a hitch, until one of the

party guests, Hannah Clifford, notices a zombie (Richard Varela) standing outside, right in front of the window.

Canty promptly informs his guests that the zombie is one of his friends, and that he had been invited to the party.

Canty introduces the zombie as Hank.

The majority of the party guests are creeped out by the zombie party guest, but one of them (Tessa Newell) finds Hank to be incredibly attractive and sweet, dripping flesh and all.

The play's rhythm is sporadically interrupted by Hank delivering a heartfelt, extremely human soliloquy, about how his feelings are being hurt by the rude party guests.

The humor really kicks up a notch when "Harlem Shake" plays and Hank dances along, while the other guests stay passed.

Milo ends the play with the line: "This party sucks," which was the play's prompt as well as the title.

"This Party Sucks" kept the laughs coming until they walked offstage.

The third play of the evening, "Bluebird," featured Jessica Coons, Evan Crimmins, Jerry Greene, Courtney Kosick, Tyrell Pratt, and Robert Van Wart.

This was by far the most

serious and philosophical play of the evening.

The play focused on a young woman (Courtney Kosick) and her struggles with her conscience (Evan Crimmins).

"Bluebird" also dealt with heavy issues, such as unwanted pregnancy and abortion, disappointing your parents, accidental manslaughter, and dropping out of high school.

This play delved deeply into the unconscious and what guilt can do to people.

The rest of the cast was dressed in plain black and did interpretive dance-like moves (reminiscent of STA's production of "The Serpent").

"Puddle Of Doom" was the fourth play; it combined comedy and seriousness perfectly.

It was put on by Ryan Cashman, Matt Durant, Erica Goddard, Kayla Kennedy, and Kelley Roche.

This play also had a tinge of the philosophical: what do you do when you're stuck in a puddle (hint: it's a metaphor).

The puddle that Cashman, Goddard, and Kennedy were stuck in was a metaphor for the ruts that can accompany life.

Cashman played the role of a man who had been stuck in the puddle for thirty years, all on account of his writer's block, while Goddard was hav-

ing relationship troubles and dealing with insecurities, and Kennedy was a girl dying from cancer.

Kennedy and Goddard eventually got out of the puddle, since they resolved their doubts about their own self-worth.

However, Cashman remained in the puddle until the very end, prompting many laughs from the audience.

The fifth and final play of the evening was "Contents Unknown," titled after the group's prompt.

Colin James Fuller, Becky Greene, Anthony Hernandez, Marisa Olson, and Heriberto Villanueva created the play, which was about a young woman (Greene), and her struggles with the death of her soldier husband.

While her husband was away at war, she took a lover, and is punished for it psychologically.

She becomes trapped in a room, with a foot tied to a desk. In front of her sat a box.

After being tormented by her conscience, she frees herself from her guilt (by killing herself or not: it's up for the audience to decide).

Each group did an amazing job and I hope to see more 48-Hour Play Slams put on in the future by the STA and the students.

## WSU's Dever Stage Schedule

**Wednesday, March 20:** 12:30p.m, Studio Recital

**Friday, March 22:** 7:30p.m, WSU Dance Company performance

**Saturday, March 23:** 1:00p.m, WSU Dance Company performance

**Saturday, March 23:** 7:30p.m, SGA presents Whip Comedy Improv

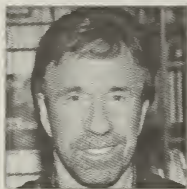
**Monday, April 1:** 12:30p.m, Studio Recital

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# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Chuck Norris – Born March 10, 1940



Possibly pop culture's most recognizable (and most spoofed) martial arts master, Chuck Norris was born in Oklahoma in 1940. He joined the U.S. Air Force as soon as possible, at the age of eighteen in 1958. Norris was assigned to South Korea, where he first developed an interest in martial arts and earned his black belt by 1962, when he left the Air Force to become a karate instructor in California. By the end of the 60's, Norris had opened over 30 karate studios and taught many Hollywood figures, including fellow action star Steve McQueen. He would also

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compete in the World Middleweight Karate Championships in 1968, winning his first title and defending it five times until retiring in 1974. Inspired to pursue an acting career, Norris joined the cast of Bruce Lee's *Return of the Dragon* in 1973. He starred in a string of successful action movies throughout the late 70's and 80's before turning to the small screen, starring in the popular *Walker, Texas Ranger* throughout the 90's until 2001. Norris began appearing as the butt of many internet "memes" around the dawn of the millennium, which normally poke at Norris' perceived invincibility in movies and mastery of karate in a joking fashion. His political conservatism was on full display in the recent 2012 presidential election, when he sided with Republican nominee Mitt Romney on the campaign trail.

## Ghandi's Salt March – March 12, 1930

The pioneer of civil disobedience, Mohandas Ghandi's defining moment came in 1930. In response to the ruling British government's Salt Acts prohibiting possession or sale of salt deposits by Indians to monopolize the salt trade, as well as raising taxes on salt purchases, Ghandi led a movement to defend his poor followers who could no longer afford salt. He called the idea "satyagraha" for mass civil disobedience, resisting British salt laws that would eventually lead to the independence of native Indians. His first plan was to strategically organize a 240-mile march to the coast of the Arabian Sea, where his followers would defy the law by making their own salt from seawater. Beginning with a small

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group, Ghandi's followers would later grow in size to over ten thousand Indians by the time he reached the sea on April 5. British authorities were there to meet him, but Ghandi proceeded anyway, as did most of his followers. News of his defiance spread around the coastal cities of India, where thousands flocked to the shore to follow suit. Over 60,000 arrests were made at the end of the Salt March, including Ghandi himself. He was released in January 1931, and won an opportunity to speak for Indian independence at a conference in London that same year. Indians finally won independence in August 1947, but Ghandi was assassinated by a Hindu extremist within six months of his victory.

## Notorious B.I.G. – Died March 9, 1997

As hip hop's most larger-than-life figure following the "gangsta rap" craze of the early '90s, the material recorded by The Notorious B.I.G. (born Christopher Wallace in Brooklyn, New York) in his short lifetime continues to exist as both an iconic testament to the man's talent and hindsight to his eventual demise. Growing up in the tough neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Wallace turned to drug dealing as a teenager until flirting with a rapping career. His demos were discovered by Uptown Records' Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs, who signed Wallace as the centerpiece to his new label Bad Boy in 1993. The next day, Wallace released his cryptic first album, *Ready to Die*, to enormous fanfare spurred by three hits, including "Juicy" and "Big Poppa." As Bad Boy became the premier label of east coast rap, it found a



bitter rival in west coast rap label Death Row, helmed by Suge Knight and popular rappers like Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre and Tupac Shakur. The rivalry would turn bloody in 1996, when Shakur was murdered in Las Vegas after releasing a song about having an affair with Wallace's wife. Not investigated as a conspirator in his murder, Wallace moved on to record his second album, which would not be released until three weeks after his death. He was murdered in a similar drive-by fashion in 1997, marking the end of arguably the most tragic series of events in the history of hip hop.

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# Movie review: 'John Dies at the End' has 'absurdist' plot

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

The more I try to analyze and understand "John Dies at the End" the less and less sense it makes. Trying to scrutinize it is pointless because the film operates like an amusement park ride.

Get on, keep your arms and legs inside the cart at all times, and don't get up until the ride comes to a complete stop. If you can do that then "John Dies at the End" is one of the wildest and funniest horror-comedies to

come around in a long time. If you can't then you'll probably get your head knocked off. But that's what you get for standing up on a roller coaster.

Based on the book by Cracked.com editor David Wong, the film begins with twenty-something slacker and author self-insert David Wong (Chase Williamson) meeting with reporter Arnie Blondestone (Paul Giamatti).

After showing off telepathic powers by naming the contents of Arnie's pockets, David tells him how he came across a strange perception-

increasing drug known only as Soy Sauce.

One night after a party David receives a phone call from his friend John (Rob Mayes) demanding he come to his house as soon as possible. David arrives to find John frantically running around, suffering from the effects of the Soy Sauce.

He grabs the syringe containing the drug and attempts to take John to the hospital. However, on the way David accidentally pricks himself with the needle and begins feeling the effects. He soon learns that the Soy Sauce may be the con-

nection between an alternate universe and our own.

Summing up the plot in only a few paragraphs is an impossible task.

Wong (the author) and director Don Coscarelli have created a far more complex story that manages to include locust-like parasites hell-bent on destroying the world, a TV psychic who may be a powerful wizard, doppelgangers, phantom limbs, life after death, paradoxes, and a dog named Bark Lee. And somehow they make it all work.

There's not much horror

to be had, and even some of the film's gorier scenes are entirely watchable thanks to its wit and irreverence.

But while most of the jokes are laugh-out-loud funny, my only real complaint is that it often descends into immature humor (read that as you will). But even those manage to pay off in the end.

Though the movie's absurdist plot may only appeal to niche audiences, one thing that can't be denied is that it is one of the most strikingly original films to come around in years.

Grade: B+



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6. Drake - Started From the Bottom
7. Rihanna - Stay
8. Justin Timberlake - Suit & Tie
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## Album reviews: Suckers' 'Wild Smile' and more

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

### Suckers: Wild Smile

There are artists that can pull off changing things in the middle of a song and switching gears effortlessly.

Some of these bands include Green Day, Meat Loaf, and Queen.

Suckers, however, is not one of those artists. It also doesn't help if the directions the band goes in and jumps around between aren't very good.

This band reminded me a little bit of Franz Ferdinand, but only if Franz Ferdinand were terrible (which they aren't).

Towards the second half of the album things just get weird (and not the good kind of weird).

I really wish I could provide a better description of their sound, but it's basically different types of rock. It doesn't work often enough to recommend to anyone.

Oh No Oh My: People Problems

This mostly acoustic-focused album is almost exactly what you'd expect from a stereotypical indie album if there truly existed such a thing.

The vocals are a little irritating on occasion, with the voice just not seeming to match the mood of the music right.

It works best when it is more coherent, such as on the tracks "Summerdays" and "There Will Be Bones."

Also of note is the track "So I Took You," a two minute bit of fun with strings in the background that make the track stand out from the rest.

It is a little above average, and I'm not exactly sure what to ask for.

Twilight Broadcast: Variety Show

On this album we really do have a variety show. Twi-

light Broadcast skip to a different genre almost every track, and the results are hit or miss.

"Too Far Gone" gets way too repetitive at points. "BAB's" goes into a funk hip-hop mix filled with humor.

It can be a little bit simplistic at times, and the lyrics are often very simple to the point where they can be distracting.

On the other hand, what they do right is incredibly enjoyable. This is one of those albums the sample button was made for.

Jeff Root: Genre Circus

This is one of the more eclectic albums out there, but it is unified by a generally upbeat sound and an overall whimsical mood, as well as lyrics that aren't meant to be taken too seriously.

It starts out with the Celtic Rock "Finnegan's Wake," which is actually quite good, and then goes all over the place, although with a slight psychedelic edge throughout.

The good news is that it never strays from a quality that is at least slightly above average. The closer "Out of Nothing" is especially good, featuring both Root and another vocalist I wish I could find the identity of.

This album isn't bad at all, and you may be interested in it if you want something a little more eccentric but still on the relatively normal side of things.

I Was Totally Destroying It: Preludes

After an okay start with "Wrecking Ball," this pop-rock album gets better.

Strangely enough, it's best when the band adds a few pop-punk elements to their songwriting and vocals (there are two vocalists, both of which have their good and bad moments).

"When Chaos Comes" marks the turning point into more pop material, which in



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Oh No Oh My's "People Problems" was above average, while I was Totally Destroying It's "Preludes" is a take it or leave it album.



a sense is better as the band sounds much more comfortable in it, but there's not much originality I sense here.

The song "Twenty-Thousand" in particular I found uninspiring, annoying even.

The song is followed by

the much better "Fight/Flight," where they abandon most of their conventions and use a piano to drive the music forward instead. They are still better than a lot of bands you'll hear out there, and may be worth a listen if you like similar music.

# Men's basketball falls in ECAC championship game

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

The top-seeded Westfield State men's basketball team had their season come to a bitter end on Sunday, March 3, losing at home to third-seeded Eastern Connecticut State in the ECAC New England tournament championship by a score of 74-60.

The visiting Warriors shot 60 percent (12-20) from behind the arc, including four three-pointers from tournament MVP Mike Garrow, who led the way with 25 points and 14 rebounds.

Westfield finished their season with a 23-6 overall record, breaking the school record for wins that was set in the 1992-93 season.

Eastern Connecticut finished at 22-8.

The Owls got off to a hot

start, jumping out to a 12-5 lead behind a pair of Jordan Santiago (11 points) three-pointers.

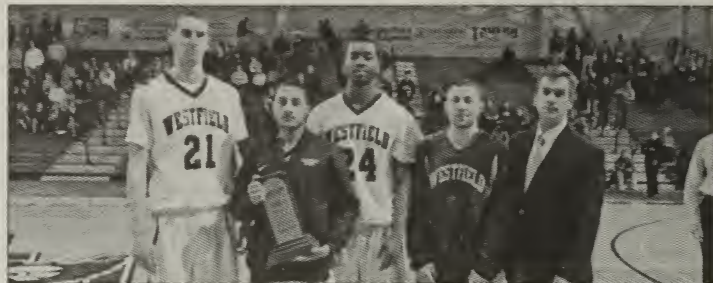
Westfield's lead stayed in single digits for the majority of the first half, until a Justin Nunez three-pointer tied the score at 28 with just over three minutes remaining in the half.

About 20 seconds later, Santiago was whistled for a flagrant foul, resulting in two made free throws by Brian Salzillo (20 points, five assists) and a Garrow three-pointer.

This was part of a 14-3 run by the Warriors, giving them a 39-29 lead heading into halftime.

Eastern Connecticut's lead hovered around 10 for the first 14 minutes of the second half, until two Grant Cooper (15 points, 11 rebounds) baskets made it a five-point game.

Garrow was there to answer once again, quickly coming up court for a layup before



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Westfield seniors Matt Devine, Lee Vazquez, Ryan White and Travis Nally accept the ECAC Finalist Trophy along with head coach Rich Sutter.

hitting another three-pointer about a minute later to end any comeback hopes.

Seniors Matt Devine (10 points, 10 rebounds), Lee Vazquez (15 points, four assists), and Ryan White (nine points, five rebounds), playing in their final game in a Westfield uniform, all walked off the

court at the 10-second mark to a standing ovation.

Eastern Connecticut shot 49 percent from the floor and 87.5 percent from the line. Westfield finished at 33.8 percent from the floor and 50 percent from the line.

Westfield beat eighth-seeded Emerson 71-52 and

fourth-seeded Castleton State 88-72 to get to the championship game. Eastern Connecticut knocked off sixth-seeded Johnson & Wales 85-64 and second-seeded Anna Maria 77-65.

The Owls will return two starters in Cooper and Santiago next year and all but senior Travis Nally off the bench.

## Opinion: NBA pales in comparison to college basketball

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

I want to take a moment to respond to what my Sports Editor wrote in his column last week regarding college basketball.

Last week, Joey Cooper discussed how he feels that the NBA is better than college basketball in a well-written, articulate manner. However, the truth of the matter is that Joey could not be more wrong.

You see, his points about college basketball are ones that may look true on the surface, but when you dig deeper, they do not tell the whole story.

As members of a Division III school, it is harder for us students to feel a sense of passion for our school's sports. I am not

dismissing Westfield State athletics, but let's face it – when you go to a Division III school you do not have that the same passion for your sports teams, especially compared to a Division I or Division II school in which you see your team on the bottom line of ESPN.

The passion of college basketball shown by its players and fans is what separates it from every single professional sport.

Do you see the passion of the Cameron Crazies at a Denver Nuggets game? This passion does not only resonate with high Division I programs; it is seen at schools in the SWAC, MAC and other small conferences.

The players in those lower conferences, the ones that do not get the same amount of airtime as the big dawgs do, are playing

their hearts out every night.

The unpredictability of the sport, and the feeling that every game matters, is not something that is seen in the NBA. In the NBA, most players have a large ego and a bad attitude that is not seen in college.

While I recognize the college game has been somewhat diminished by the fact that underclassmen leave early for the pros, it is not college basketball's fault, but rather the responsibility of the NBA whose rules allow it to happen.

To Mr. Cooper's point about slow-paced teams like Wisconsin and Virginia who will attempt to use most of the shot clock to slow down their opponents and get better shots: I am sorry that it is not the fast-paced style of the Showtime Lakers, but rather you are watching fundamental basket-

ball being played.

So as you watch the next couple of weeks of tournament action, think to yourself the joy you are having seeing a team that may mean nothing to you, but one that means so much more to the fans of that school.

Okay, back to the NCAA men's college basketball tournament that is only two weeks away, with excitement building as many teams are jockeying for position for the top spot.

There are going to be some mid-majors who will make an impact this postseason, and fans should look out for teams like Davidson, Akron, Ohio, South Dakota State and Middle Tennessee State, who all have well-coached teams and can surprise opponents as they have scorers that can put up big numbers.

Headlining the tournament are the big teams like

Duke, who returned Ryan Kelly, and Indiana, featuring Cody Zeller and Victor Oladipo.

However, my pre-tournament favorite right now is Gonzaga. The Zags had an undefeated regular season conference record, and have a good mix of size and speed to contend. This once Cinderella story of years past is now a constant in the tournament and should be feared.

Have fun filling out those brackets and watching the games on CBS, TNT, TBS and Tru TV. Unfortunately, the Westfield State campus cable doesn't have Tru TV, so have fun trying to watch those games. To the professors, don't be surprised if your classes on Thursday and Friday the 21st and 22nd are smaller than usual in the afternoon, as most people will be watching the games.

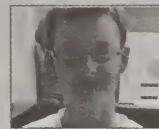


# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

*By: Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



Whether you're ready or not, the arrival of the 2013 Opening Day of Major League Baseball is just about here. While there's so much to discuss, the American League East division almost makes it seem ridiculous to focus on anything else.

The reigning AL East champion and historically dominant New York Yankees have serious company within the division this season.

With the Toronto Blue Jays complete roster overhaul, the 73-win Jays of a season ago now hold 10/1 odds of winning the Commissioner's Trophy.

The acquisitions of Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle, Josh Johnson, Emilio Bonifacio, Melky Cabrera, R.A. Dickey and Mark DeRosa make the prospect of playoff baseball coming back to Canada very real. Those who say Toronto has a top-heavy starting rotation are disregarding the team's number five starter Ricky Romero, the ace of the staff

last April.

Not to be forgotten is Jose Bats (Jose Bautista), who's been good for 124 home runs in the past three seasons combined. The pieces added around Bautista will give stability to this offensively inept lineup that posted a 15.8 WAR (Wins Above Replacement) in 2012.

A new season is all the Boston Red Sox have been awaiting since the 2012 season was put into the books on August 25 when the Sox shipped Carl Crawford, Nick Punto, Adrian Gonzalez and Josh Beckett out of Boston to the west coast in the arms of the Dodgers.

Boston's in-house renovations included the end of the one-year trial of manager Bobby Valentine. John Farrell's arrival to Beantown marks the start of a new era for the club.

The additions of Shane Victorino, Jonny Gomes, Ryan Dempster, Mike Napoli, Stephen Drew and David Ross

make things in the AL East that much more confusing to figure out.

There is a lot of uncertainty overlooking the Sox camp in Fort Myers, Florida, encouraging some intriguing predictions that range from the club being contenders to bottom feeders of the East.

Both the Baltimore Orioles and Tampa Bay Rays play host to young rosters, retaining depth that makes you think, what if?

Baltimore is coming off a shocking playoff appearance in 2012 that they will look to build off going forward. Despite surprising baseball aficionados for 162 games, the Orioles will enter 2013 with a chip on their shoulder as they have not received the national attention they so deserve.

The laziness of the national media not realizing what is readily available will work to the advantage of gritty manager Buck Showalter.

With the mad genius Joe

Maddon at the helm, the Rays come into spring training ball with holes to fill with limited resources in a short period of time. There is a four-man race at second base between some unproven players.

The addition of defensive stud Yune Escobar's exceptional range on the diamond will serve well for Maddon's calculated defensive shifts.

The loss of James Shields might be the demise of the Rays come the second half of the season, when their patched up starting rotation starts to wear down. It always seems that whatever roster the Rays field, Joe Maddon will figure out a way for them to compete and contend.

Regardless of any additions to any 25-man roster, all roads to the division title go through the New York Yankees. Due to their ALCS blow-up in 2012, coming into 2013 it almost feels as if the Yankees had a down year last season.

The questions surround-

ing the Bronx Bombers are real and not going anywhere. Between the health of Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera, the Yankees are teetering between two very different tales to the 2013 season.

Dating back to the last few years of Jorge Posada's career, the Yankees have been suffering from the lack of productivity behind the plate.

Another question that will be looming over the result of this season will be the decision on Robinson Cano's future following the conclusion of his current contract. A long-lasting contract dispute between the front office and Cano could create a distraction leading the Yankees to a shortened season.

The story of the 2013 season lies in the AL East, as it plays host to a legitimate three-to-four team race.

The unpredictability of what's to come in this division will make for great drama come September leading up to the Fall Classic.

## Westfield State takes lead in MASCAC Smith Cup standings

### WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State University has taken a narrow lead in the 2012-13 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Howard C. Smith Cup standings at the conclusion of the winter sports seasons.

Westfield State has captured 75.89 percent (85 points) of a possible 112 points to date and leads second place and defending Smith Cup champion Bridgewater State University, which has claimed 75.00 percent (75 points) of a possible 100 points, by .89 percent, as Westfield's Owls are looking

for their fifth Smith Cup in the last seven years.

The Smith Cup is awarded annually to the member institution which compiles the most points based on the placement of each of its programs competing in the 15 league championship sports.

The Smith Cup is named in honor of former Massachusetts State College Trustee Howard C. Smith, who in 1970, urged the athletic directors of the eight State institutions to hold a series of meetings to discuss the possibility of forming an intercollegiate conference. In June of 1971, Smith's dream became a reality as an affirma-

tive agreement was reached and the MASCAC was created.

Framingham State University is in third place with 55.96 percent (62.67 points) of a possible 112 points, while Worcester State University is next in fourth place after garnering 54.46 percent (61 points) of a possible 112 points to date. Salem State University follows in fifth place at 49.17 percent, while Fitchburg State University (43.17 percent), MCLA (32.89 percent) and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (25.00 percent) follow in sixth, seventh and eighth place, respectively.

Salem State has won 19

of the 40 Smith Cups overall, while Bridgewater State has won or shared 12 Smith Cup crowns overall, including eight over the last 15 years.

Westfield State has won or shared 10 Smith Cup titles, coping back-to-back titles in both the 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years before Bridgewater ended that string last year.

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, the nation's oldest Division III men's and women's playing conference, has a rich and storied tradition of competitive success while celebrating excellence in the classroom. MASCAC member schools include

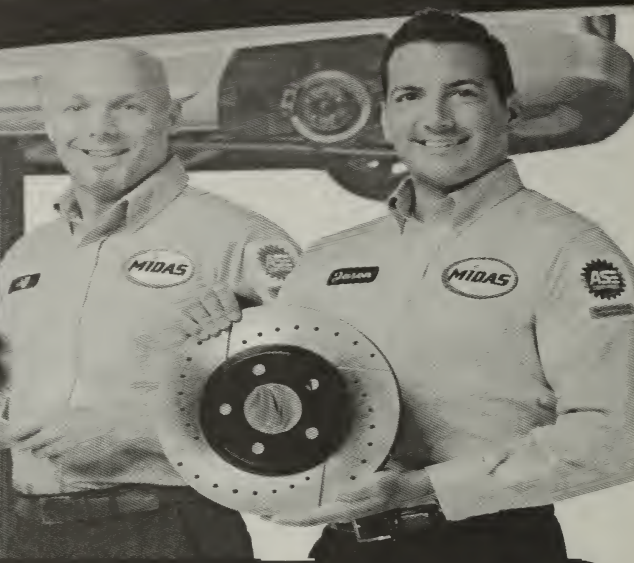
Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, MCLA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State University, Westfield State University and Worcester State University.

Two other institutions, the Dartmouth of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Plymouth State University, are affiliate members of the conference in the sports of football and men's ice hockey, while Western Connecticut State University will join the conference as an affiliate member in the sport of football for the 2013-14 academic year.



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## Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

You will want to be like a camel this week and soak up all of the resources you can for the future desert that awaits you. If you do this, you will find you make it to the next oasis.

## Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

You might be acting senseless right now, in a sense. Yet you are only expressing things that can be said in a sentence. So of course your sentence sense is rather senseless, and once you sense this is true it will all make sense.

## Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

If you feel a small breeze at your back that sends chills up your spine and gives you Goosebumps, it is not a spirit from beyond the grave. It is just the wind.

## Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

This week you just may wish to spend some time looking at yourself in the mirror or just thinking about yourself and how awesome you are. You really are that awesome.

## Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

You will want to consider all of the failings of your life thus far, and acknowledge that most of those were no one's fault but your own. Perhaps there is a chance in the near future, though, that the burden on your life will ease up just a little.

## Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

There is no explanation for the events that are going to occur to you next week. They won't make any sense to you. In the grand scheme of things, however... they still won't make any sense.

## Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

This week you may meet someone. You may then find yourself attracted to this person. You may wish then to give them your number. If you do so, they will call you, maybe.

## Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

You can be aggressive in love this week, and forwardness just might get you what you want that you didn't get before. Just don't do anything that might get you arrested. A prison sentence is not beneficial to your future.

## Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

There is a great light awaiting you that will improve your mind and body. Note that this horoscope prediction is not recommended for those sensitive to light, those with many allergies, or pregnant women.

## Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

They are coming for you. This is a good thing. This is always a good thing. Do not be afraid of them. They are your friends; do not be afraid of them.

## Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Up is down, down is right, left is sideways, right is inside out, the cake is a fact, and inside out is outside in. This week you will want to go to the right.

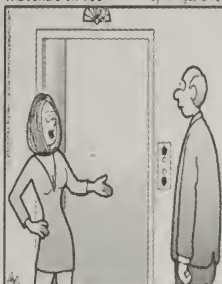
## Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Go get some chocolate and stockpile it. Put it in a bunker which is accessible to the public and then tell no one except for people you trust, like horoscope writers who write for this paper. You will most likely thank the stars for it later.

## THE JOKE'S ON YOU

by Phil Rydler & YOU



"Me? I'm sleeping my way to the top."  
- Ed Duffy • Birmingham, UK

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by Phil Rydler & YOU



"The good news is, you made it to Heaven. The bad news is, we're downsizing!"  
- ROCK • Hannibal, MO

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"What you do all the way home is your business. But please, next time wait till you're outside my office before you start!"  
- Frank Monaco • Coconut Creek, Fla

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# The Westfield Voice

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## Westfield State students attend CPAC 2013

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

Five students and one adjunct professor attended the 2013 Conservative Political Action Conference, CPAC, in National Harbor, Maryland this past weekend.

While there, the students were able to chat with influential political figures, listen to speeches from well-known conservatives, and experience a slice of the political life.

The adjunct professor was Denise Reed from the Communication Department. All students are members of the Westfield State Republican Club and Reed is their advisor.

The students left Wednesday morning at the crack of dawn and arrived in the Washington, D.C. area around 3:30 p.m.

When the conference started on Thursday morning, the attendees got to listen to the inspirational speeches by Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and former Florida Congressman Allen West.

The students were also in attendance for the speeches by Senators Marco Rubio and Rand Paul. Rubio took advantage of the crowd's support and took sips of water throughout his speech.

After Rubio's speech, CPAC attendees held up signs and wore t-shirts that had a silhouette of Rand Paul and "Stand With Rand" written on them. The crowd stood for the entirety of his speech as a show of support of his recent filibuster.

Rand Paul ended up winning the straw poll by a couple

of points over Marco Rubio.

The straw poll is an informal indicator of which person the conservatives support for a run at the presidency. Mitt Romney won several times in the last ten years, although it is somewhat inaccurate.

Rand Paul's father Ron won the poll several times in the

last fifteen years but has failed to gain traction in any of his presidential races.

The next day brought speakers such as millionaire mogul Donald Trump, Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Representative Paul Ryan, and 2012 Republican presidential candidate Mitt

Romney.

The 2013 CPAC marked the first public appearance given by Romney since the election, and the crowd there accepted him with warm arms.

He was also brought to tears as he spoke, "I'm sorry I won't be your president, but I will be your coworker and I'll work shoulder-to-shoulder alongside you."

Many thought that speech was his true concession speech. On election night last year, he went out to the disappointed crowd in Boston without any written remarks and spoke off the cuff.

Saturday brought Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and Representative Michele Bachmann.

By the group's assessment, Scott Walker's speech was the best, and received the most standing ovations.

He is admired by the conservative movement for standing up for his beliefs, winning the recall election brought about by the unions, and for continuing the fight without missing a beat.

A few in the crowd yelled out, "2016!," alluding to the looming 2016 presidential election that already has political



*photo from WSU Facebook page*

The WSU Dance Company will be performing their show at 7:30pm on March 22nd and 23rd in Dever Auditorium! \$5 general admission and \$3 for students.

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Sat - 10:00am-6:00pm

# Quick Hits

## Friday, March 22

7:00p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs.  
Keene State  
Alumni Field

7:30p.m.

WSU Dance Company  
Dever Auditorium

## Saturday, March 23

1:00p.m.

WSU Dance Company  
Dever Auditorium

7:30p.m.

WHIP Comedy Improv  
Dever Auditorium

8:00p.m.

Video Game Tournament:  
Black Ops  
Owl's Nest

## Sunday, March 24

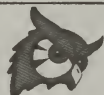
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Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



## “Go Global”: The Navruz Festival

**Brittany Bones**  
Voice Reporter

The Navruz Festival marks the first day of spring and the beginning of the year in the Iranian calendar.

This internationally celebrated Persian holiday begins on March 21st and like many festivals there's always a good party to celebrate.

This festival is celebrated all over the world in many re-

gions such as the Middle East, Central and Southern Asia and many southeastern European countries.

This festival is rich with history and has been celebrated for over 3000 years.

During the day there is usually house cleaning or “spring cleaning,” followed by visiting family, dancing and eating a lot of delicious and traditional foods.

This festival brings joy and happiness to all those who celebrate it, and certainly starts

off the New Year.

This is even reflected in the word “Navruz,” which, although spelled many different ways, always means “New Day.”

Westfield State's International and Intercultural Club will celebrate this festival Thursday, March 21st.

WSU students and faculty will socialize while enjoying Turkish food and a presentation on the festival. All students are cordially invited.

## Student Spotlight with Carly Estrela



Hometown: Grafton  
Major: Ethnic & Gender Studies

1. What are you most passionate about?  
Social justice, sunsets, Haruki Murakami books, and smashing the patriarchy.

2. How do you believe you make a difference on our campus?  
Sometimes I smile at people I don't know, and use the bus to reduce our carbon footprint.

3. What are you involved in on campus?  
I'm really involved within major, the Ethnic & Gender Studies Dept., and I'm the hip-hop director for WSKB.

4. How do you spend your weekends here?  
“Livin' la vida loca” or facedown in a book.

5. What are your plans for after graduation?  
To find a job, but “couchsurf” around the states for a while first!

6. Tell us your favorite joke.  
Why doesn't the hipster listen to law enforcement? Because he only listens to vinyl.

7. What's your favorite place to go on campus?  
Mod Hall.

8. If you could go back and do the last four years over again, would you do it?  
Heck yeah, sign me up.

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## Intern abroad with "Go Global" program

**Brittany Bones**  
Voice Reporter

Have you ever thought of an internship abroad? Well you should, as there are so many benefits to interning abroad. Like all internships, you're building skills within your area of study; not only will you gain professional experience but international experience.

Many of these internships are open to a variety of majors. Interning abroad adds something special to your resume but the experience helps with networking and building contacts with people from all over the world.

Going global gives you

the opportunity to explore a new culture and build on your language skills.

Interning abroad is an extension to your academic experience, and often with these programs there is a focus on gaining academic credits that can be easily transferred to Westfield State.

Many of these programs have interning opportunities in some amazing countries and cities.

These programs are made into packages providing on-site orientations, airport pickup, insurance and assistance abroad.

The only downside to interning abroad is the price tag attached.

Many of these programs are costly, depending on which

academic semester and/or summer program you choose.

Financial aid and scholarships vary with different programs.

Make sure you do your research when picking the company with your desired program and even call them, as they're always willing to give more information and send packets of information on their programs.

Another option is to go to the International Programs Office and ask about local companies that have internships abroad such as CIS Abroad, based in Northampton, Mass.

A global experience is always something to look into especially when it can further help your future career goals.

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## Students expected to return to CPAC

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pundits talking.

The conference's theme was "America's Future: The Next Generation of Conservatives," but the conference was bogged down by the constant reminders of conservative heroes like Ronald Reagan, Barry Goldwater, and William F. Buckley.

One of the panels during the conference was titled, "A Roundtable Discussion on the Future of the Movement: Winning with Generation X/Y."

This panel featured prominent conservatives that have been active in the Republican Party, helping to win elections and fighting for the principles of conservatism.

One of the panelists was the newly elected chairwoman

of the College Republican National Committee, Alex Smith.

She spoke very highly of the Republican/Conservative movements that are taking hold on college campuses all across the United States.

She argued that there is a plurality of students that hold conservative ideals but remain silent out of either a lack of caring or a desire not to rock the boat.

This last election featured an opportunity for Republicans to come out in force in order to defeat a highly popular president.

However, one of the areas where the Republicans failed to hold ground was college campuses.

Ron Paul was clearly the favorite among the seemingly libertarian crowd at the panel.

Some of this popularity

could be attributed to the fact that he visited many more campuses than Mitt Romney did and holds positions that many college students can agree with.

Smith assessed that if Republicans are going to win elections in the future, they need to start approaching college campuses, recruiting the students to register Republican and overturn the liberal biases.

Overall, the conference was a large success in the eyes of the attendees from Westfield, all of whom said they'll attend next year's CPAC.

If you'd like to join the Westfield State Republican Club, the meetings are Thursdays at 4:00 in the Tekoa Room at the Dining Commons.

Joshua Clark  
Online Editor

## Editor's Desk



Hi all!

I hope you all had a great spring break. I spent mine between the hospital and filling out job applications. I haven't heard back yet - everyone keeps telling me that I shouldn't expect to. We'll see about that!

I don't have any suggestions for the school this week, but if you all do, send it in! We would be happy to publish it. It's really cool how many people read the paper. We've come so far since Freshman year and it's a happy surprise when we see the piles around campus getting lower and lower.

So once again, email us! We were very depressed when we had to do a 12 page paper this week - the first one in a while. We need you all to keep the paper up to its now successful standards!

Samantha Fahey  
Co-Editor-in-Chief  
sfahey5744@westfield.ma.edu

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## Letter to the Editors: Recent cartoon

Dear Editors,

Regarding this week's issue (XVII), I have to say, I was not happy with a cartoons featured at the end of last week's paper.

I see you have found a new cartoonist, but I have found his contribution very offensive last week.

In the first "Joke's On You" cartoon, a woman and man are featured in an office

chatting, as the caption reads "Me? I'm sleeping my way to the top".

This is very troubling to me as it reinforces this false idea that women can't compete on an equal playing field with men in the business world, and must rely on their sex, presumably with a male boss, to get ahead or climb the ladder.

I am really sick of the sexism I experience on this campus

in the first place, so to find this kind of patriarchal ethos on the pages of "The Voice" makes me very angry.

Please consider all sides of the coin next time you are choosing a cartoon for the next issue, because I can say for a fact that during the month celebrating women, the joke should certainly not be on us.

Thank you,  
Anonymous

## Editor's Desk



Hey all and welcome back!

I hope everyone had an amazing time on their Spring Breaks. I didn't do what I intended (I really am starting to look for jobs now, I promise) but I still had a nice break.

On the first Friday (the day of the snow storm) my parents and I drove to NY to see my younger brother compete in a national track meet. I don't know much about track, and even though he or his team didn't come in first, in my eyes he did amazing and I was so proud of him.

So the moral of my Editor's Desk this week? School work, job searching, roommate drama, stress about advising - not as important as family and the people who love you and who you love in return. Our support for my brother made his whole experience so much better and my family's constant support for me keeps me going in this stressful, no-one-ever-calls-back job search. So, never forget the people who are always there, even through the worst of it.

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**5.5% of Seniors and First Years have taken the NSSE survey already, have you?**

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# Competency & Conservatism: Republicans 'Stand With Rand'

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

Kentucky Senator Rand Paul could be the next Republican savior. That is, of course, after Ronald Reagan.

Paul's speech this past week at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) was fantastic. Senator Paul established himself as a movement leader and a possible future presidential candidate.

His libertarian leanings could provide the incentive for younger voters to join the cause.

The Senator referred to the GOP as "stale and moss covered." And said that a new type of Republican Party must be founded, still based entirely on the idea of liberty.

"The new GOP will need to embrace liberty in both the economic and the personal sphere. If we're going to have a Republican Party that can win, liberty needs to be the backbone of the GOP."

Coming off the success of

his recent 13-hour Senate filibuster, Rand Paul is poised to enter the presidential water.

At times I've been critical of the senator from Kentucky, but he has certainly proven himself as of late.

Standing up in the fight against illegal drone strikes is courageous, mostly because even his own party has attacked him.

The War Hawks, led by John McCain, Lindsey Graham, and Kelly Ayotte, have attacked. However, Mr. Paul continues to stand up for his principles.

At this current moment in our troubled history, Americans might embrace a younger generation candidate. And there is no doubt that Senator Paul has figured it out.

"Ask the Facebook generation whether we should put a kid in jail for the nonviolent crime of drug use and you'll hear a resounding 'no.'"

Watching this speech on television does not give it justice, but in the very least, that line amped up the crowd.

He followed with, "Ask the Facebook generation if they want to bail out too-big-to-fail

banks with their tax dollars and you'll hear a 'hell no.'"

Just the fact that he referred to our generation as the "Facebook generation" shows that he identifies with us. Our age group is hit the hardest by Washington's disgraceful behavior.

I consider myself a Republican, but I tread carefully in regards to identifying with conservatives because of the anti-progress stigma.

It seems that the GOP would be much more successful if they embraced Rand Paul's message of liberty.

The establishment will do their best to suppress it, but it's a transformation that needs to take place.

The Republican Party hasn't decisively won an election since 1988. Arguably, it also hasn't been held in high esteem since the Reagan years.

We need a rebranding and some deep soul searching is in order.

But that doesn't mean we have to abandon our principles. Giving up our values to avoid bad press isn't going to help. The Party must not ameliorate



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Senator Rand Paul at CPAC 2013.

when the times get tough.

My political hero happens to be Thomas Jefferson and his ideals are what I am in a constant struggle to revive.

I believe that Jefferson's idea of liberty is still possible today.

As Republicans, we need to stand up to the liberal guise of progress that is the "nanny state."

Cradle-to-grave economics stymie entrepreneurial success and debilitate us as a nation.

Senator Rand Paul is the man to fight this battle. Rather than give up and join the establishment, Rand has charted his own course.

Unlike Florida Senator Marco Rubio, Mr. Paul hasn't been afraid to cut against the grain.

The Republican Party desperately needs a new direction. I believe that Rand Paul can pick up where Jefferson left off and put America back on the road to liberty. I Stand With Rand.

## A liberal stance on North Korea: Nukes or not?

**Erika Hayden**  
Voice Reporter

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons has been broken. This was a treaty that was put into force in 1970 to end the spread and building of nuclear weapons and promotes peace internationally.

Over 160 countries are involved in the treaty which include the US, UK, Russia, France, and China.

This is concerning because last month North Korea

ran a third nuclear and ballistics test. This directly breaks the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Kim Jong Un of North Korea has refused to listen to orders of the UN and other allies to end testing.

The United States and allies have feared a break in these peace sanctions since established at the end of the Korean War.

This is the first time ballistic testing has begun in over 60 years.

Tensions in Korea have grown in the last few months. Pyongyang, the capital of Dem-

ocratic People's Republic of Korea has been attacking South Korea since the '90's, breaking prior peace sanctions between the two split countries.

These actions by North Korea are taken seriously, but efforts are made not to create more or feed international fear that has been generated.

On Monday, President Obama announced new sanctions to address the issue and is prepared ally with South Korea and Japan should threats become a reality.

U.S.- South Korean military will be working together

until the end of April in order to place a harsh retaliation on the North.

This would make the U.S. a direct enemy of North Korea and could subject them to a nuclear attack.

Agreements have been made between the UN and China - North Korea's closest ally.

Efforts are still going out to stabilize the threats made by North Korea currently. They intend to close off banks and resources should North Korea pursue resistance of the treaty.

Many are aware that if North Korea continues nuclear

and ballistic tests and pushes forces into South Korea, that World War III will be the end result. Because of it being a nuclear threat this could wind up with total destruction.

Is this going to be a new "War on Terrorism" if we get too involved? And if the U.S. doesn't get involved, will problems worsen in Asia and perhaps globally?

I am glad that for now the White House is taking cautious steps before offering entire military aid after prolonged wars in the Middle East are finally coming to a close.





# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



In the footsteps of Secretary of State John Kerry's 10-day international trip across Europe and the Middle East, President Barack Obama is making his first trip to Israel as President.

Obama will be accompanied by Kerry on the trip, which will also include stops in the West Bank and Jordan in addition to the United States' most important Middle Eastern ally.

Upon arrival in Israel on Wednesday morning, Obama said, "The United States is proud to stand with you as your strongest ally and your greatest friend."

Obama's last visit to Israel came in 2008 when he was a U.S. senator and presidential candidate.

Since then, the Arab Spring took place across the Middle East and North Africa, Syria has become entrenched in a two-year Civil War, and Iran has become a greater nuclear threat, making U.S. relations with Israel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that much more important.

The relationship between Netanyahu and Obama seems to be as friendly as ever, despite the Prime Minister's open support of Republican Mitt Romney during the 2012 presidential campaign and the fact that Obama and Netanyahu are still at odds on how to deal with Iran.

Obama's approach to Iran is more diplomatic, involving sanctions, while Israel's approach is more threatening with military action a legitimate possibility. In other words, Netanyahu seems much more willing to take actions against Iran that don't involve diplomacy.

Obama did say that "all options are on the table" if diplomacy falls short, meaning that a military strike against Iran's nuclear program isn't out of the realm of possibility.

Iran's nuclear program seems dangerously close to full nuclear capability, meaning that the U.S.'s main Middle Eastern ally would be under serious threat.

In addition to discussions regarding Iran, as well as the Syrian Civil War, the Israel-Palestine conflict will be one of the main talking points between Obama and Netanyahu. It's unlikely anything substantial on Israel-Palestinian peace talks will come out of this trip.

But looking ahead to the next few years, assisting in securing an independent Palestinian state peacefully recognized by Israel could be a major part of Obama's legacy.

While the first two years of Obama's second term will be focused on domestic issues such as the economy and immigration, his final two years in office after the 2014 mid-term elections will be largely centered on foreign policy — and securing his legacy.

It's certainly possible that Obama's focus during that time could turn to securing a peaceful two-state resolution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Again, while it's unlikely any major developments will come out of this trip, it could set the groundwork for reestablishing peace talks between Israel and Palestine.

Obama's stops in Israel and the West Bank will emphasize these issues. But Obama will end his Middle Eastern tour with a stop in Jordan.

The often overlooked country ruled over by King Ab-



photo by Larry Downing/REUTERS

President Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a joint press conference on Wednesday, March 20 in Jerusalem.

dullah II has had a number of pro-democracy rallies and protests over the past two years, but the general sentiment is that Jordan was one of the few Middle Eastern countries untouched by the Arab Spring.

Jordan certainly didn't follow the Arab Spring pattern of Egypt or Tunisia.

Michael Brill, a 2012 Westfield graduate, has studied Arabic and Middle Eastern history and culture, spending time in both Jordan and Oman. He will also be studying in Egypt this summer.

During a presentation on campus Wednesday, March 20, Brill said that despite the latest parliamentary elections held in January and democratic protests throughout the country, a majority of Jordanians still support the autocratic leadership of Abdullah and discontent among Jordanians is generally based more on economic concerns.

While the monarchy has not been oppressive in the past, it is clear that democratic re-

forms in Jordan are still needed.

Jordan is an important American ally and the U.S. has traditionally had good relations with Abdullah. It will be interesting to see the tenor of Obama's meeting with Abdullah. In an extensive interview with *The Atlantic* for an article published this week, Abdullah was critical of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

Despite slow reforms in the country, Abdullah said, "The monarchy is going to change. When my son becomes of age and becomes king, the system will be stabilized and ... it will be a Western democracy with a constitutional monarchy."

This proposed model would be similar to the British constitutional monarchy.

Abdullah added, "If you catch my son being corrupt, take him to court. I've said that quite clearly from day one. What I'm trying to say is that everybody else is expendable

in the royal family. Does that make sense? That's the reality of the Arab Spring that hit me."

Abdullah, who has appeared on *The Daily Show* with John Stewart, seems ready for progressive democratic and economic reforms and believes more needs to be done to stop Islamic radicals in the Middle East.

Between Israel, Palestine, Syria, Iran and Jordan, there are number of compelling issues to be discussed during Obama's trip to the Middle East. But more than compelling political theatre, these issues impact the lives of a million innocent civilians across the Middle East.

Continued progress toward peaceful democratic reforms and nuclear disarmament in the Middle East is essential. And while peaceful negotiations could improve President Obama's legacy, they have the potential to change conditions across the Arab world for decades to come.

# REFLECTIONS

## By Matthew Futterleib

Reese Witherspoon - Born March 22, 1976



Laura Jeanne Reese Witherspoon was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, but she spent the first four years of her life on a U.S. army base in Wiesbaden, Germany. Her father was a lieutenant colonel and military surgeon, and her mother was a registered nurse. Reese's family would later settle in Nashville, Tennessee, where she began a modeling career at age 7. At age 11, Reese won a ten-state talent fair and appeared in several local commercials. Her big break on

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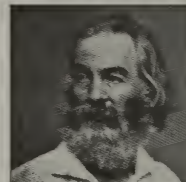
the path to movie stardom came in 1991's *The Man in the Moon*, three years before graduating high school. After attending Stanford University for a short while and majoring in English literature, Reese put college on hold to accept major roles in the films *Fear*, alongside Mark Wahlberg, and *Freeway*, starring Kiefer Sutherland. She followed up with critically acclaimed roles in 1998's *Pleasantville* and 1999's *Election* and *Cruel Intentions*. One of Reese's definitive roles came in 2001 as Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*, which she reprised for a sequel. She won her first Oscar for Best Actress in 2005's *Johnny Cash* biopic *Walk the Line*, starring as his wife and music partner June Carter Cash.

Patrick Henry's "Treason" Speech  
- March 23, 1775

By trade, Patrick Henry was an attorney and planter, but today he is championed as a Founding Father of the United States and the first and sixth governor of Virginia. His fervent support of Republicanism made him a traitor of the British Empire in the 18th century, notably for stirring unrest in response of the Stamp Act of 1765 which levied new taxes against colonists. Henry's most enduring contribution to the fight against British rule came in front of the Virginia Convention in 1775, at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia. His goal was to convince the assembly of burgesses (elected officials who served to protect the best interest of the colonists) to pass a resolution deploying Virginian troops to fight against the British in the Revolutionary War. Thomas Jefferson and George Washington were in attendance to see Henry's impassioned speech, which received a profound reaction from its immediate call to action. The speech's powerful closing statement of "give me liberty, or give me death" grew to become a popular rallying call of the colonists' rebellion. The assembly of burgesses quickly passed the resolution, sending the Revolutionary War to an apex of battle and bloodshed, leading to the defeat of British rule and the birth of the United States of America.

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Walt Whitman - Died March 26, 1892



America's most influential poet of the 19th century was Walt Whitman, a transcendist writer who wrote largely in the first-person with a trademark wit. He was famous for trading the conventional romantic poetry of his time in favor of a style and voice all his own, with the empowered wisdom of a brazen American citizen. Born May 31, 1819 in Long Island, New York, Whitman was raised in a proud American family, with three of his brothers being named after Founding Fathers. Walt self-published his first collection of poetry, *Leaves of Grass*, in 1855 to lukewarm reception. He would expand upon the collection from twelve poems to thirty-three by 1860, but the Civil War

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left his publishing house in ruins. Walt served as a voluntary nurse in the war after his brother George was wounded, and he wrote about his experience in a collection called *Drum-Taps*. His poetry did not receive critical acclaim until later in his life, when an 1882 edition of *Leaves of Grass* with 300 poems sold in droves. Whitman died from complications of a stroke he suffered in 1872, and was buried in a mausoleum he built for himself in Camden, New Jersey.

## Album reviews

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Editor

**Empirates:** Provosaurus - This is an alternative rock band's EP that at first seemed to me to mostly be a blend of other "alternative" bands. First I heard some Weezer in the track "Red Light Town", and for some reason I was reminded of Vampire Weekend on some of the other tracks. "Black Hole" is undeniably catchy and will most likely be most listener's favorite. "We Call Him Richard (Its Long for Dick)" is out of control in a good way, and would have been a good song to end the EP properly. The true fi-

nal track is "R.L.T. Remix," but it's simply painful to the ears; it is like the music is twitching, if such a thing can happen. This is an album where people will have to judge every track on its own merit.

**Franklin Brothers:** Lifeboat to Nowhere - I'm not exactly sure who the Franklin Brothers are trying to be here. I'm certain they're trying to be someone, as I kept thinking of Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, and Billy Joel as I was listening to this album.

With the exception of some of the middle portions of the album, which has a country-western flair going through the music, this artist sounds like the

above named (except that they don't surpass the originals). It's a shame that I can't recommend this instead of just listening to the artists I mentioned before again (or, even better, for the first time).

**The Heartist:** Nothing You Didn't Deserve - At first I wasn't so certain whether I'd even review this EP, considering it being metal.

Now, I like some metal, but this is the kind of screaming which makes you wonder whether the vocalist's voice is going to be alright.

Every sort of screaming I can think of is on this album. The music and songwriting are actually well done, with some excellent guitar work and proficient vocals when they're in a style tolerable to most listeners.

While I couldn't recommend this to those who don't like this style of music, I would absolutely recommend it to those that do.

**All The Locals:** All The Locals EP - This is a very strong set of 5 rock songs, with an emphasis on groove over standard "hard rock" expectations. The vocals can be in some cases what you would expect out of a bluesier album, and there are those considerations placed in there, especially in the guitar work.

There is a good diversity to the tracks, each one going to different heights and experimentations, but I can't really pick out any standout tracks, mostly for the reason that all of them are so good. I recommend this to any rock fans out there.

**The Dead Ships:** Electric Ahab - This LP is part light garage rock and part blues garage rock, most of which sounds the same. The first three tracks are pretty much the same, and then "Amaze" brings some simple up-paced rock and roll to the mix followed by the classic-sounding "You Were Young," possibly the best track on the record.

There is a reverb effect that I feel is used too much in the album's mix, sadly making some of the record's originality hard to pick out. Also, a lot of the notes feel to be a bit off on purpose, for a reason I can't ascertain.

I can't really recommend it other than the said tracks, but if those tracks really speak to you the album won't disappoint.



# Westfield baseball begins season with Florida trip

**James Trubia**  
Voice Reporter

It's that time of year again – baseball season – and the Westfield State baseball team just finished their annual spring break trip in Florida, coming away with a record of 3-6.

Entering his ninth season as Westfield's head coach, Ray Arra looks to lead his Owls to their fifth conference championship and fourth NCAA tournament appearance under his tenure.

He'll turn to captains Curt Everett, Andrew Medeiros and Kevin Greene for leadership on a young team that includes a number of freshmen.

Starting the season off with a bang, the Westfield "Bats" put up 20 runs while sweeping Rhode Island College in a double-header on March

13, 10-9 and 10-1.

Senior slugger Medeiros powered the way for Westfield, hitting two homeruns and cashing in with three RBIs. Designated hitter Nick Champeau got in on the action with a two-run bomb in the third inning, a no-doubter when it left the bat.

Medeiros, Pat McWilliams, Dan Rokitowski, Connor Sheridan and Kyle Colesanti all had multiple hits as the Owls cleaned up to start the season.

Sophomore Peter Cassidy got the start for the Owls in the first and was followed by a strong relief appearance from freshman Pete Liimatanien, who picked up his first win of the season.

Westfield's fierce junior closer Kevin Zyrkowski was dominant, allowing no hits and picking up his first save of the season.

The hot hitting continued as Westfield put up ten total

runs while splitting a double-header against Roger Williams on March 15 (9-8 win and 1-3 loss).

Included in the Westfield offensive output was a grand slam by Medeiros, which was his third homerun in as many games. The captain's power has been an enormous problem for opposing teams so far this season.

First baseman Rokitowski had another strong day at the plate, going 4-5 with three RBIs.

Junior pitcher Mike Sullivan picked up his first win of the season, going five strong innings against a tough Roger Williams offense while giving up seven runs, six of which were earned.

Zyrkowski, the shutdown closer, was called upon for a two-inning save opportunity and he did not disappoint.

After splitting with Rog-



*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Andrew Medeiros (19) is greeted by teammates after crushing a grand slam deep over the left field fence against Roger Williams.

er Williams, the Owls then went on to lose their final five games in Florida – one against a high-powered Suffolk University club on March 16 and two in a double-header sweep against the always-dangerous Amherst College on March 17. Westfield finished their trip by

being swept in a double-header against Gallaudet University on March 18.

Weather permitting, the Owls are set to play Eastern Connecticut State on Saturday, March 23 on the road, and then once again at home on Sunday, March 24.

## Opinion: Voice Reporter bids farewell to the Big East

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

I remember watching my first Big East Championship Game when I was 5 years old. My grandparents let me stay up and watch the UConn vs. Georgetown tournament finals game.

My young eyes were mesmerized by the greatness of both teams, and the emotion of the coaches. I screamed and jumped up and down when Ray Allen of UConn hit the game winning shot over Allen Iverson of Georgetown.

That memory was the first thing that popped into my head on Saturday as I watch the seconds tick down on the final true Big East Championship Game between Syracuse and

Louisville.

You see, before mega-conferences, "The Catholic 7" and TV greed, there was the simple idea constructed by the late Dave Gavitt (the league's first commissioner) to form a conference of East Coast basketball-oriented schools that consisted of Boston College, Georgetown, Connecticut, Providence, Seton Hall, St. John's and Syracuse as its founding members in 1979 known as the Big East.

Villanova joined a year later, as would teams like Pitt, West Virginia and others years down the road.

This was the premier conference for college basketball. This was the league that had the best talent, and played its conference tournament at the most famous arena of all-time, Madison Square Garden.

The Big East was the

conference that had the Mount Rushmore of coaches in Jim Boeheim, Rick Pinto, John Thompson, Jim Calhoun and many young up-and-coming coaches.

This was the league where fans got to witness the greatness of Carmelo Anthony at Syracuse, the craziness of the player formerly known as Ron Artest at St. John's, Richard Hamilton and Ray Allen at UConn, Patrick Ewing, Allen Iverson and Alonzo Mourning at Georgetown, and countless other great players.

I remember almost falling asleep the next day in class my senior year of high school because I stayed up to watch the entire seven-overtime classic between Syracuse and UConn, and watching Big Monday on ESPN, which always showed great Big East matchups.

But sadly, the writing was on the wall. Some people would say that the Big East really ended when teams like Pitt, Syracuse and others decided that they would soon join the ACC, but true fans will tell you that when Boston College decided to join the ACC is when the Big East started to die a little.

With that single move, a movement started, where history was thrown out the window in favor of greed and football money.

The final nail in the coffin was when "The Catholic 7" (Georgetown, Marquette, St. John's, DePaul, Providence, Villanova and Seton Hall) decided to leave the Big East in order to form a new conference to maintain a relevant and profitable basketball league.

These seven teams do not have FBS football programs,

thus a majority of their athletic money comes from college basketball.

Now only Connecticut stands as an original founding member left in what was once the Big East – and they now will be in a conference with teams that have no ties to the East Coast, but rather is basically a new Conference USA.

So even though this new "Big East" will have the same name and will still play its conference tournament at MSG, it will never be the same, nor will it ever replace the memories of countless individuals who grew up watching this great basketball conference.

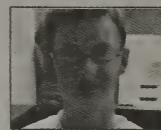
In a way, a part of me died on Saturday when the current Big East ended. One thing is for sure, I will always have my memories of this amazing conference.

# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



The laziness of the national media has struck again, and its victim this time is the Denver Nuggets.

For whatever reason, the best story in sports is missing from the front pages, rarely if ever entering the national spotlight.

Networks like ESPN and NBA TV would rather talk about a team in a larger market to feed the untrained basketball eye on how great Miami, New York and the Los Angeles teams are.

Believe it or not, there is a league outside of this bunch, with a host of exceptional teams.

The Denver Nuggets are 45-22 (as of March 18) and unbeaten in March (8-0). Denver is tied with Miami for the best record at home (30-3), making it extremely difficult for teams

to leave the Pepsi Center with a win.

Despite their success, the basketball squad in Denver is still taking a backseat to the Denver Broncos' offseason moves in media coverage on the air waves.

The job head coach George Karl is doing up in the Rockies warrants the NBA Coach of the Year Award. At 61, Karl is working with a roster teetering on the brink of mediocrity to above-average basketball talent.

Recently, through the draft, trading and signing of hand-me-down down players, the Nuggets have attained an exceptional rotation that has molded into quite the show to watch.

Denver runs up and down the floor in a style comparable to the collegiate Mountain

West Conference, pushing the ball and getting their athletes like Ty Lawson, Andre Iguodala and Corey Brewer out on the run.

This fast paced attack also complements swingman Danilo Gallinari out on the perimeter.

If you still have your doubts about the Nuggets, they are only trailing the Clippers, who have coined the nickname Lob City, by four alley-oops with 121 of their own.

As a unit, the Nuggets are ranked in the top three in points per game, rebounds per game and assists per game.

In his second season, Kenneth Faried out of Morehead State is on the cusp of becoming a walking double-double.

With 2013 win shares tallying up to 6.1, Faried has

become one of the most valued players in the association based on his production compared to salary.

Karl's rotation has the seven-footer JaVale McGee coming off the bench, where he is more suited to produce.

NBA reject, seven-footer Kosta Koufos, is on the starting line at center and to the surprise of many giving some production to Karl and the first line. Koufos has been consistent this season, claiming a player efficiency rating of 18.2.

At the helm steering the ship is North Carolina's Ty Lawson, who is averaging 16.8 points and seven assists per game.

While both limiting his amount of poor shots and turnovers per game, Lawson has molded into the player scouts graded him as coming out of

college.

In his first year with the Nuggets after spending eight seasons in Philadelphia, Andre Iguodala has continued to flourish in Karl's system, fitting the identity of this roster outstandingly.

Although his stat line would suggest his productivity is on the decline, Iguodala's impact in the back court next to Lawson has created an incredibly athletic combination.

With a favorable schedule down the stretch, the Nuggets have the Clippers in their sights and will try to pass them for the third spot in the Western Conference playoffs.

It's no surprise a George Karl coached bunch is 30-11 in their own conference, as he recognizes the importance of these games as playoff basketball approaches.

## Boston Celtics gunning for Atlantic Division championship

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

Can the Boston Celtics really win the Atlantic Division?

The answer would have been a definitive "no" if that question was asked on January 25.

That night, the C's blew a 27-point lead to the Atlanta Hawks before falling in double overtime. It was their sixth straight defeat, dropping them to three games below .500 at 20-23.

To make matters worse, the Celtics would soon find out that they'd be playing without All-Star point guard Rajon Rondo, who was lost for the season to a torn ACL.

So how would a team led by old legs and without a true

backup point guard to take over the reins respond?

Well they'd start winning of course.

It defies all logic, but this Celtics team is somehow playing better without their best player.

Paul Pierce looks like he's found the fountain of youth. Avery Bradley and Courtney Lee are turning into the best defensive backcourt in the league. Jeff Green is throwing down dunks like he's winning a fight against gravity.

They are 16-6 since Rondo went down, including a seven-game winning streak immediately following the injury, and are 36-29 overall (as of March 18), two and a half games behind the division-leading Knicks.

So what does the rest of

the regular season look like?

The C's have 17 games to play, nine of which are against teams with sub-.500 records. Eight of the 17 games are also at home, including a fairly easy four-game stretch against Detroit, Cleveland and Washington, before a big divisional game against Brooklyn.

The Knicks won't have it quite as easy, especially if the injury to Carmelo Anthony persists and their roster of old-timers starts to fall apart.

They have 18 games to play, 11 of which are against teams with records above .500.

This includes a brutal five-game stretch during which they'll host the Celtics, travel to Miami and Atlanta, head back home to take on the Bucks, and finally hit the road

to take on Oklahoma City.

Then there are the Nets, who currently sit a game back of the Knicks and one and a half ahead of the Celtics.

They have 16 games to play, 10 of which are against sub-.500 teams, but 11 of which are on the road, including a harsh eight game road trip that starts on March 18 and ends on April 3, and includes stops in Denver and L.A. to take on the Clippers. The remaining

schedule certainly seems to favor the Celtics.

They have the fairly easy home-game stretch, and they'll be able to control their own destiny with two games against the Knicks, on March 26 and 31, and one against the Nets on April 10.

Boston Celtics: 2012-13 Atlantic Division champions. It doesn't seem quite as far-fetched as it did two months ago.



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**Aries****(March 21 - April 20)**

At the dawn of time your destiny was rolled out in front of you and this week the time has come for you to do some mundane task that will affect the course of history as we know it.

**Taurus****(April 21 - May 21)**

If you encounter a turtle this week, make sure to rub its back and wish three times. It won't come true, but you will be able to say that you encountered a turtle and rubbed its back. Isn't that the most you can wish for?

**Gemini****(May 22 - June 21)**

This might be your opportunity to travel to new lands and do exciting things. You may leave some things behind, but they aren't worth that much worry anyway, so don't worry.

**Cancer****(June 22 - July 22)**

There is absolutely no limit to how far up you can go. Unfortunately, you probably won't be reaching that, and there is also no limit to how far you can fall. Most likely, you will be falling this week.

**Leo****(July 23 - August 23)**

If you get thrown into some crazy worldwide conspiracy that involves a lot of mortal peril, don't worry. Based on the laws on the universe no matter how incompetent you are you will somehow manage to get through.

**Virgo****(August 24 - September 22)**

There is a sense of dread that you may feel is following you around like a hovering cloud. Don't worry though, as that might be just because you are hanging around a few Libras. The cloud is actually following them around.

**Libra****(September 23 - October 22)**

You will want to completely ignore Virgo's horoscope for this week, there is absolutely nothing for you to see there. In fact, you are only going to have a few clouds in your sky this week.

**Scorpio****(October 23 - November 21)**

Try to become more social and introduce yourself to new people every single day. Remember, there is always a small chance they might just be Batman.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 - December 21)**

If you get a chance to join a project that would be an underwater utopia based on the principles of a controversial yet famous philosopher, politely turn them down. Those things never turn out so great.

**Capricorn****(December 21 - January 20)**

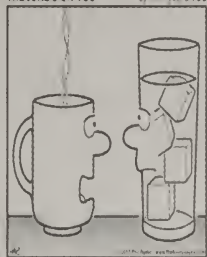
You are not wasting your life. That dead-end path that life is currently leading you on is exactly where you need to go. It may look like a dead-end, but it is currently under construction, and everything is looking up.

**Aquarius****(January 21 - February 19)**

Your worst enemies will betray you this week. Yet will they betray you by not being your enemies when you expect them to, or will they betray you by simply stabbing you in the back, like usual. Even the stars can't answer this.

**Pisces****(Feb. 20 - March 20)**

Trust not your eyes, for they will soon be blinded. Whether from love, greed, ambition, or some crazy guy throwing some odd black powder into your face, we cannot be sure.

**THE JOKE'S ON YOU** by Phil Ryder & YOU

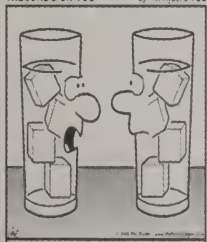
"Well, it might LOOK like fun, but trust me, that microwave is no amusement ride."

- R. Santiago • Philadelphia, PA

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"The bad news is, the other end of the rainbow is the IRS."

- Jim D. • Indianapolis, IN

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"Did you just tinkle?"

- Linda • Berea, OH

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*Tuesday & Wednesday*

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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Saturday*

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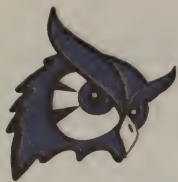
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## PR professional speaks at Owl's Nest

**Matt Futterlieb**  
Voice Reporter

Public Relations professional and 1992 WSU alumna Suzanne Boniface graced a full house at the Owl's Nest in Ely on Wednesday for an informative session discussing how to properly position oneself in today's competitive job market.

Prior to taking the floor, Boniface's knowledge, experience and integrity were highly endorsed by Associate Professor John Paulmann of the Communication department, who remembered her as one of his favorite students.

Boniface was a recipient of the Judith White LaFonde Award, the department's highest honor, as well as a Blue Key Award and Leadership Award winner in her time at Westfield State.

Despite these impressive accolades and a successful career spanning nearly 20 years in the field of public relations, Boniface warned, when finding a job, "do not make the same mistakes I made, or that I've seen others make."

Even the most impressive résumé cannot forestall

the burden of a grueling job search out of college, especially in a recession similar to the one Boniface entered in the early 1990s.

She stated that the workload and time required to conduct a strong job search could be compared to that of a part-time job.

Following this brief precursor, Boniface began her presentation with helpful advice to the audience: be prepared, in more ways than one.

Be prepared to tailor your résumés, cover letters and recommendations to better serve the requirements expected of certain jobs.

Be prepared to bring a materials portfolio on interviews that showcase what you have learned in school.

Be prepared online, with clean and neat profiles on social media websites like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. And, most discouragingly of all, be prepared to take a job under your skill level.

But don't fret. She explained that it is normal for even the most ambitious and goal-oriented students to start small out of college.

Boniface shared the story of a fellow WSU alum who struggled to find a job

after completing her degree, settling for a position as an administrative assistant.

Through perseverance and hard work, her colleague was able to earn promotion after promotion, expanding her portfolio and branding herself as an elite professional in marketing and public relations until she was courted to join the prominent, 500-person advertising agency of Hill Holiday, who discovered her LinkedIn profile and offered her a job.

Boniface defined her success as a direct result of strong preparation, positioning and networking. For a competitive advantage, s

he suggested that seniors ask for references immediately and create a professional blog that links to marketing and public relations articles to exude professionalism.

Most crucially, job candidates must expect anything when interviews come along. She stressed that candidates should put themselves in the interviewer's position by researching tough questions and interviewing techniques they might experience.

Boniface answered questions from the audience, most notably elaborating on



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Suzanne Boniface of Springfield previously served as president of the Westfield State Alumni Association's Executive Council. She is a 1992 magna cum laude graduate of Westfield State with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication.

what it takes to be successful in public relations. Multitasking is a must.

Boniface now handles five social media accounts and websites across five different companies, enthusiasm for the subject and professionalism are key, and direct results

must be proven to show your worth to companies.

Boniface expertise was readily apparent throughout the helpful session as she eased the minds of the students, who basked in the wonder of what their future career will bring.

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Sat - 10:00am-6:00pm

## Quick Hits

### Friday, March 29

12:00p.m.  
Baseball vs.  
Bridgewater State  
Alumni Field

12:00p.m.  
Softball vs.  
Bridgewater State  
Alumni Field

8:00p.m.  
Movie: Pitch Perfect  
Owl's Nest

11:00p.m.  
Brown Bag Bingo  
Owl's Nest

### Saturday, March 30

8:00p.m.  
Movie: Pitch Perfect  
Owl's Nest

### Sunday, March 31

8:00p.m.  
Movie: Pitch Perfect  
Owl's Nest

## Student Government Association update

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

Tonight Kim Morgan from Student Affairs came to talk about the Ambassadors Program and the Compass Program.

The Ambassadors applications are due on Friday to Student Affairs.

The Compass Program is mentoring young students during the semester at an outside school.

If you are interested in participating in this program, e-mail Kim Morgan.

Stephanie Close, and Stone Koury, members of the Executive Council, are in Paris on a conference so Taylor Fote, the Vice President of Student Life, acted as president for this meeting.

Tom Durkee, chair of the Food Committee, spoke about the new changes in the Dining Commons.

The Vice President of Academic Life, Rebecca DiVico, reported about advising

dates and the academic advising cards that were distributed to the residence halls.

Michelle Hanney, the Vice President of Programming, spoke about Spring Weekend.

Starting April 7th through the 17th you will be able to buy your tickets to see Timeflies online for \$10.

There is a contest going on to be able to meet him as well. Post your favorite music video of his on the CAB Facebook to be entered in the contest.

Lexi Wagner, Executive Secretary, spoke about Owl Ball

tickets.

They will be on sale online until April 2nd.

Also, this Friday, signature papers come out in the SGA room.

If you are interested in running for a place on Senate or Class Council be sure to pick one up to get your signatures.

The Student Government's next is Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 5:30 in the SGA room located in the garden level of Ely, next to Dunkin Donuts.

All meetings are open to the public.

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Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



# Sigma Tau Delta visits Portland

Jessica Thelen  
Voice Reporter

Westfield State University's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English Honor Society, traveled to Portland, Oregon for the annual Sigma Tau Delta conference.

Every spring, Westfield State's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta travels to a different location in the United States to attend this conference. At the convention, students participated in roundtables such as Interpreting Shakespeare On Film to Female Retaliation In Literature, a roundtable that Westfield State students ran.

Students also presented papers that include original fiction, original poetry, creative non-fiction, and critical essays that focus on various topics, such as film, British literature, American Literature, European Literature, and so on.

Students also had the opportunity to chair panels of pre-

sentations, which means that they introduced the speakers and call on students during the question and answer portion of the panel.

There are also different events, such as the "Dry T-Shirt" Contest, at which students performed a short, funny skit to get people to buy their chapter's t-shirt. There was also a Bad Poetry Night, where students recite the worst poems they've ever written.

Westfield State's chapter's skit won the "Dry T-Shirt" Contest, and Lyndon Seitz won the Bad Poetry Contest and read his poem that was published in "The Rectangle," Sigma Tau Delta's creative literacy journal. Kyle Johnston won first place for his critical paper on Jack Kerouac's On The Road.

However, it wasn't all just paper presentations, contests, and award ceremonies; The group had time to go out and explore Portland.

Portland is home to Powell's City Of Books, an inde-

pendent bookstore with over one million books, that takes up a whole city block. Each section is color coded by subject, and you are provided with a free map as you enter, so you are free to explore without worries.

There's more to Portland than just the books; there's great food as well. Portland is home to Sizzle Pie, a pizza shop located across the street from Powell's, which has a jukebox filled with The Germs, The Velvet Underground, Wu Tang Clan, and other jukebox oddities.

Another eatery is Potbelly Sandwiches, a relatively new restaurant that features soups, salads, sandwiches, smoothies, and more. Downtown Portland is also home to a wide variety of food carts, set up in mini-blocks and home to anything from shwarma, burritos, waffles decked with fruit or chocolate syrup, Korean food, burgers and fries, German food, and other varied fare.

It was a fun trip and a great time was had by all.

# Coffey Break with Christopher Leopardi

by Kylie Coffey



Hometown: Carver, MA  
Major: History

1. What is your favorite Easter candy?  
Peeps. Those are THE Easter candy.
2. If you could eat at only one fast food restaurant, which would it be and what would you get?  
Taco Bell and, even though they don't have it anymore, The Grande Soft Taco.
3. If you could pick one celebrity to participate in "Dancing With The Stars" who would you want to see and why?  
Nicholas Cage, because everything he says is gold.
4. Do you have a favorite class? What is it?  
Yes, history of baseball.
5. What is your opinion on the Supreme Court's decision to hear the case on same sex marriage?  
It isn't the government's job to determine what a marriage is. That job belongs to religious institutions.
6. Bell Italia, Gigis, or Bella Roma? Why?  
Bella Roma because they are the nicest.
7. What does your ideal career look like?  
I want a job where I know I'll always be home at the same time.
8. What are you going to take away from your four years at Westfield?  
That there are a lot of people that think differently than I do and no one has all the answers.

*If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

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# Go Global: Intern in China

**Brittany Bones**  
Voice Reporter

United International College based in Zhuhai, China is a partner school to Westfield State.

UIC has invited Westfield students to apply for a number of yearlong competitive internships.

The internship is open to a number of majors such as: Computer Science and Technology, Psychology, Communications, and English. What is required of applicants is a full academic transcript and a minimum GPA of a 3.0.

Applicants are also required to have two letters of recommendation, a full detailed resume with a cover letter expressing interest in a specific program, and an interview conducted by WSU's Director of International Programs,

Cynthia Siegler.

Interns are expected to have strong communication skills and the ability to work successfully as a team member within the UIC staff.

As an intern, you'll be working closely with assigned instructors helping to plan lessons, as well as being familiar with the syllabus of the course. There are a lot of benefits to this internship besides being in a new country to explore. Interns receive free lodging in student dormitories.

By living in student dormitories, you're able to converse with students and learn and teach each other about your cultures. It's also a great opportunity to learn Chinese and help students with their English.

Round trip economy airfare from the U.S to China is around 1,700 dollars (11,000

RMBs), students are reimbursed after the end of their year. Interns receive a stipend of \$790 to 950 US (5000 to 6000 RMBs) a month and this varies depending on your program.

Another benefit for interns is the enrollment into a "Chinese Language, Culture, History, and Development Program," which consist of taking two Chinese language classes, attending lectures about Chinese history, visiting historical sites and museums.

It's an added bonus for interns; it helps with building your language skills in Chinese as well as understanding the customs, traditions, and the people of China.

For more information and/or to get an application go to the International Programs Office in Parenzo and speak to the staff.

## Editor's Desk



This Sunday I will be at my aunt's house, hiding Easter eggs for all my little cousins to find. It sounds boring, but it is actually one of the highlights of my year.

Everyone has different priorities, whether that be school, work, friends, etc. My first priority has always been and will always be my family. I would do anything for them. I know the saying "you can choose your friends but you can't choose your family." Well, I wouldn't trade them for the world.

Shout out to my wonderful, amazing family in this time of spring dresses (hopefully), egg coloring, and just being together.

Happy Easter, to those who celebrate it. And to those who don't, have a great weekend!

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# Forest Park Zoo 'egg'stravaganza

**Mary Zagula**  
Voice Reporter

The Zoo in Forest Park and Education Center is once again opening its doors for the spring season this Saturday, March 30th, with its Easter "Egg'stravaganza event running from 11a.m.-1p.m.

Guests will have an opportunity to not only meet the Easter Bunny, but children can collect eggs filled with little surprises and candy as they make their way through the park along the bunny trail.

Along the trail there will be several stops where visitors can interact with live animals including the zoo's various rabbits, new baby lambs, Francesca the peahen (the female version

of a peacock), and of course the hens, roosters, and peacocks that roam free around the zoo.

Zoo staff members have eagerly been awaiting and preparing for opening day. "I sent letters asking for donations out in late January, and we have been stuffing eggs since the beginning of March," said Teralyn LaChance, assistant education director at the zoo.

As a nonprofit, The Zoo in Forest Park depends on donations and volunteers. This year the Stop & Shop on Boston Road in Springfield donated 600 plastic eggs for the "Egg'stravaganza event.

The zoo also received limited edition truffle eggs from Lindt located in Lee. The Big Y on Roosevelt Street in Springfield, and Westfield's Walmart also both offered their help by

each donating a \$25 gift card to help with the cost of purchasing candy.

"I am looking forward to seeing the kids reactions," said 14-year-old Sarah Goldstein, a member of the Crew in Training program at the Zoo.

Goldstein has been participating in zoo camp and the various other events and programs offered at the Zoo in Forest Park for the past seven years. This Saturday will be her first time volunteering for the "Egg'stravaganza event.

"I think people should go because it's a great time and a good way to support the zoo," Goldstein said.

The "Egg'stravaganza event cost general admission to the zoo to attend. For more information visit the events page at [www.forestparkzoo.org](http://www.forestparkzoo.org).

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# A liberal view: Immigration system needs fixing

**Erika Hayden**  
Voice Reporter

On Monday President Barack Obama made a statement about pushing for the new bill for immigration laws to pass.

Since January, the Senate has made no moves on dealing with the bill.

It's no wonder why President Obama supports immigration; he received 71% of Latino votes in the past election.

The new bill for immigration reform deals with the immigrants here in the U.S. currently.

If passed, the bill will help 11 million people to get proper documentation and a speedier route to citizenship.

In his statement Obama said, "Immigration makes us stronger, it keeps us vibrant."

It also helps citizens of any background to come together over different ideas and beliefs, and exchanging them for the better.

This is how our country has become such a dominant power.

In a speech in Las Vegas back in January, the President prepared a second bill of his

own with other bi-partisan signers.

He spoke about updating the system that millions of immigrants go through every year that are omitted, but wait years to be granted full citizenship.

He also talks about improving border security, particularly in the southwest of the country.

Border hopping has been an issue for decades now. This problem has brought in illegal immigrants and other illegal operations with them.

With an improved border security that is more effective, illegal immigrants will become a reduced issue and immigrants that are already living in the U.S. will become more of a focus by the Administration.

Conservatives are often back-talking Obama's ideas for immigration, but to be clear Obama wants to stop illegal immigrants from crossing borders.

As a country we must not be divided on prior racial prejudices that inhibit those who have already passed customs to live in this country with more struggles.

Those who live here illegally were also addressed.

"We are not going to ship

back 12 million people; we are not going to do it as a practical matter... I've proposed... we're going to bring these folks out of the shadows.

"We're going to make them pay a fine, they are going to have to learn English, they are going to have to go to the back of the line...but they will have a pathway to citizenship over the course of ten years," President Obama said.

The choice to be granted citizenship should be up to the individual.

It should not be an unending process of waiting or going through an outdated system to grant any person privileges in a country that others are in when they live, work, and die on our soil.

If the immigration system can be patched up, it may be able to stimulate the economy.

Those who are illegal that become citizens may not feel the need to partake in illegal incomes and be able to cycle through legitimate jobs when granted proper documentation.

By fixing the situation head on, social barriers will be more likely to be broken down.

"It's time to fix a system that's been broken for way too long," said Obama.

## Editor's Desk



I have this one favorite memory that always makes me laugh when I think of Easter. Okay, it's not really a memory, but simply something I enjoy watching on my home videos.

I was opening my Easter basket one morning and was so excited to get things like "sunglasses" and coloring books. My dad liked to tell me back then that the Easter bunny wasn't coming so I, in all my smart-aleck-ness, turn to my dad, point my index finger in his direction and say, "I told you the Easter bunny would come! I told you he was here!"

So, readers, this Easter (if that's what you celebrate) do not fret; the Easter bunny is definitely, 100% coming. But more importantly, cherish the memories you'll make so years later you can look back and have yourself a good laugh. Laughter is the best medicine, after all.

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# 'Supernatural Girlz' makes paranormal the new normal

**Meaghan Flaherty  
& Jessica Rice**  
Voice Reporters

Today, paranormal topics have arrived on a new popular wave that, with the help of the media, has found their way into our daily lives.

Formerly considered a fringe subject of interest only to a few, the paranormal has turned into a subject of major interest to the mainstream public.

The Internet, television and film are filled with hundreds of platforms that showcase everything from possessions to hunting Bigfoot.

Television shows such as *Long Island Medium* and *Ghost Hunters* are just two examples of breakout hits that continue to attract large audiences.

Another hit is now in the making on radio with the show *Supernatural Girlz* on the Blogtalk Radio Network.

Ghosts, ghouls and zombies are now a part of our casual

conversation.

It is not uncommon to hear stories of hauntings or the latest psychic predictions discussed around the water cooler.

In fact, according to a recent Infographics Poll on LiveScience.com, 71% of people have had a paranormal experience.

Sociologists Christopher Bader and F. Carson Mencken of Baylor University, and Joseph Baker of East Tennessee State University, report in their new book, *Paranormal America*, that more than two-thirds of Americans have paranormal beliefs.

Interest in the paranormal appears to appeal to a wide range of people from many different backgrounds, from preteens to seniors.

Julianne Seguin, a student at Westfield State University said, "I think that people are becoming more in-tune with their spiritual side and because of this they are more interested in the paranormal and what it has

to offer."

Whether you have a passing interest or are up for more serious discourse, it is becoming much easier to find information on all things paranormal on the radio.

*Supernatural Girlz*, hosted by world renowned psychic medium Helene Olsen and paranormal researcher Patricia Baker launched on Saturday, March 16th to almost 40,000 listeners.

The show offers interviews with top guests in the paranormal field.

Baker and Olsen originally began broadcasting in October of 2012, under the name "Angels Lighthouse."

They immediately gained a large following, and quickly decided that they had to make the jump to their own network to accommodate the rapidly expanding audience and demand for longer shows.

This move to a larger radio platform also comes with the launch of their new website

[www.supernaturalgirlz.com](http://www.supernaturalgirlz.com) as well as a Facebook Fan page, Pinterest Board, giveaways and more. Last week two lucky listeners won an autographed copy of Karen Anderson's book, *Hear All Creatures*, and a psychic reading with Helene Olsen.

Features of the website include archives of past shows, a weekly blog, paranormal photos and videos, a featured paranormal news story every week, and announcements about the upcoming guests with a link to the live show.

"All the social media platforms are in place to make it easy for the audience to connect with us and our guests," explains Baker. "We want *Supernatural Girlz* to be a great big exciting ride for fans of the paranormal, and most importantly, easily accessible."

Android and iPhone Apps are currently in the works, along with a more sophisticated instant chat and messaging system.

For those who want to

hear a personal message from the Angelic realm or would like a private psychic reading, appointments can be booked with Olsen at [www.angelslighthouse.com](http://www.angelslighthouse.com).

Even if you're not sure about paranormal topics, as the catchy opening begins on the show, "Archangels, Ghosts, and Bigfoot, oh my! Its just another night for *Supernatural Girlz*," you may find yourself being drawn in to the new "normal."

And, if you enjoy hearing mediums talk to dead people and want to hear more about the latest UFO abduction, you can now consider yourself part of the mainstream, getting all the latest and greatest supernatural news from your very own network, *Supernatural Girlz Radio*.

To find out what's happening on *Supernatural Girlz*, you can sign up for their weekly newsletter at [www.supernatural-girlz.com](http://www.supernatural-girlz.com) or tune in to the show every Saturday night from 9 to 11:00p.m. on Blogtalk Radio.

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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

## Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



The United States Supreme Court usually stays out of the mainstream media spotlight, save for a handful of cases each year involving a divisive issue or wide-reaching impact. The most anticipated Supreme Court case (technically cases) of the year will arrive this week (I'm writing this on Monday, March 25) when the nine justices hear oral arguments in the two same-sex marriage cases.

People began lining up outside the court last Thursday and have braved the winter weather in an attempt to gain access to the limited public seating inside the courtroom for the oral arguments on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage began rallying outside the court over the weekend and the debate over equality and gay marriage is at the forefront of public attention.

Oral arguments in the *Hollingsworth v. Perry* case, the challenge to California's Proposition 8 (the 2008 ballot initiative that amended the state's constitution and denied same-sex couples the right to marry), were scheduled for Tuesday morning.

On Wednesday, oral arguments in the Supreme Court were scheduled for the *Windsor v. United States* case, which will deal with whether section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA, which denies same-sex couples recognition of their marriage at the federal level or in states that bar gay marriage) violates the Fifth of Amendment's equal protection guarantee.

As a legal nerd and future law student, I've always been fascinated by Supreme Court

rulings, and I'm very curious to see how the Court will rule in these two cases.

The nine justices of the Supreme Court will have a procedural off-ramp in both cases as they could choose not to rule on the merits of the case by claiming that the parties defending both Proposition 8 and DOMA lack standing to defend the law.

Proposition 8 has been appealed and defended in federal court by proponents of the ballot initiative because California Governor Jerry Brown and his attorney general refused to defend the proposition (former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger originally chose not to defend Proposition 8). A federal district court judge ruled in 2010 that Proposition 8 violated the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment.

But as a procedural matter, a party in a lawsuit must suffer a direct injury in fact in order to have federal standing to sue. If the Supreme Court justices decide they're not ready to rule on the merits of this divisive case, they could rule that the petitioners lack standing because they have not suffered any injury. (In other words, the people opposing gay marriage and supporting Proposition 8 aren't injured when same-sex couples are allowed to marry.)

If this were to happen, the ruling that Proposition 8 is unconstitutional would remain intact, but it would do nothing for same-sex couples in states where gay marriage is illegal.

There are also questions about the standard of review that the Supreme Court will apply if they rule on the merits of the case (whether a rational ba-

sis test, intermediate scrutiny, or strict scrutiny review will be applied), which could impact the Court's final ruling.

The Supreme Court also has a number of ways they could rule, including a narrower interpretation that would apply only to California or a far-reaching interpretation that would require all states to allow gay marriage as a constitutional guarantee.

History shows that the Court is often reluctant to initiate major societal changes and generally feels no pressure to make rulings that align with current public opinion. My gut tells me that the Court will make a narrow ruling in the *Hollingsworth* case and not extended the right to marry to same-sex couples nationwide (although I hope I'm wrong).

In the *Windsor* case, the Court will be determining whether DOMA is unconstitutional in its denial of federal benefits such as tax breaks and spousal health insurance coverage to same-sex couples (those couples that got married in states where gay marriage is legal), benefits that heterosexual couples receive.

The same procedural issues could be brought up in this case, as President Obama has refused to defend DOMA and Republican leaders in the House are instead the defending the law (which raises the question of whether these lawmakers have standing in court).

From a legal perspective, the arguments that those who are defending Proposition 8 and DOMA are making are very weak: How does allowing gay and lesbian couples the right to marry injure heterosexual couples?

Religion is often used as

the rationale for those opposed to same-sex marriage, and while people are entitled to free exercise of their own religion, religious arguments shouldn't be what federal law is based on and shouldn't be the reasoning for denying same-sex couples the civil right to marry and equal protection under the law. Marriage in the eyes of the government is a civil rights issue, not a religious issue.

From a non-legal perspective, I think the arguments against same-sex marriage are absolutely ridiculous and I'm tired of hearing the expression "the sanctity of marriage" as a defense against gay marriage.

The sanctity of marriage defense used by opponents of gay marriage is a myth, and the traditional argument that only heterosexual couples who can procreate should be able to get married is ludicrous. Who decided that the point of marriage was procreation and therefore only heterosexual couples can get married? There's more to the commitment of marriage than biologically being able to have children with each other.

Additionally, the argument that children who are raised by same-sex couples suffer developmental or social issues is not only baseless, but actually refuted by a number of studies.

I've grown up with friends who are gay or lesbian in a world much more tolerant of homosexuality than my parent's generation, and allowing same-sex couples the right to marry is such a fundamental equality to me that I actually struggle to make a good argument defending it – in other words, I can't understand why people would oppose same-sex marriage, and denying gay

and lesbian couples the right to marry is such a denial of basic equal rights that I'm literally put at a loss for words.

Those who are opposed to same-sex marriage are on the wrong side of history, plain and simple. Support for gay marriage has grown over the last few years, and a recent ABC News/Washington Post poll found that 58% of Americans now support same-sex marriage.

The poll also showed that a majority of Republicans under the age of 30 support gay marriage, echoing what *Westfield Voice* conservative columnists Brady Kerr and Joshua Clark recently wrote in expressing their support for marriage equality.

I hope that our generation will be the ones to stand up for this fundamental issue of equality and end the unconstitutional discrimination against gay and lesbian couples who just want the same rights as heterosexual couples.

I'm not exactly sure what will come out of these two Supreme Court rulings, and in all honesty I'm not too optimistic that there will be a sweeping landmark ruling declaring a nationwide right to gay marriage.

But seeing the growing support for same-sex marriage, especially among younger Americans, has me hopeful that there will be a day in the not too distant future when gay and lesbian couples will have the same basic rights as heterosexual Americans.

*There's more to The Donoghue Report! Go to [westfieldvoice.com](http://westfieldvoice.com) to read the full-length version of this column with segments not included in the print edition.*

# Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors,

On Saturday March 23, we had just finished our radio show when an unhappy listener accosted us. During that show, we read an anonymous letter to the Editors of the Westfield Voice, the subject of which was perceived sexism in a cartoon caption and an overall "patriarchal ethos" within the pages of the Voice. As an aside, we would like to commend the Westfield Voice for having two women in the position of Editors-in-Chief.

About an hour passed between our discussion of said letter and the end of our show. During that time the presumed "Anonymous" walked by the radio station and made an obscene gesture towards us. When we finished our show, we were confronted with an obscenity-laden tirade and derogatory remarks were directed at one of us.

The torrents of abuse being leveled at us were particularly offensive given the fact that the general public, including some senior citizens present in Ely, could hear them. We would like to extend "Anonymous" an invitation to come onto our show and have a civil discourse about their concerns. In closing, we are taking responsibility for our words; perhaps others can do the same.

Yours faithfully,  
Dirty Mike and the Boys

*Correction for March 22 edition, page one:*

*Denise Reed is not an adjunct from the Communication Department but with the Mathematics Department.*

## Campus Police Log

3/21/2013 to 3/23/2013

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION
03/21/13	2340	COLLEGE VIOL.(DRUGS)	DICKINSON HALL
03/21/13	1534	COLLEGE VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	DAVIS HALL
03/21/13	2228	LARCENY -THEFT STOLEN PHONE/WALLET UNDER INVESTIGATION	WOODWARD
03/22/13	0017	COLLEGE VIOL.(DRUGS)	NEW HALL
03/22/13	1545	LARCENY -THEFT MONEY TAKEN UNDER INVESTIGATION	DAVIS HALL
03/22/13	1951	COLLGE VIOL.(DRUGS) NON-STUDENT TRESPASSED	DAVIS HALL
03/22/13	2210	COLLEGE VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	COURTNEY HALL
03/22/13	2214	COLLEGE VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	LANDSDOWNE
03/22/13	2345	COLLEGE VIOL.(ALCOHOL)	NEW HALL
03/23/13	0026	ASSAULT A&B DOMESTIC DISTURBING THE PEACE ARREST	COURTNEY HALL
03/23/13	0110	COLLEGE VIOL.(DRUGS) MARIJUANA CONFISCATED	LANDSDOWNE PLACE
03/23/13	0352	ARREST MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY LIQUOR PERSON UNDER 21 POSSESS ARREST	SCANLON HALL
03/23/13	1954	LARCENY THEFT CELL PHONE TAKEN	DAVIS HALL

## Gay marriage gains support from both political parties

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

In March 8th issue of The Westfield Voice, I wrote an article discussing how gay marriage is no longer solely a liberal issue, but a conservative one as well.

It seems that not only is gay marriage a conservative issue or liberal issue, but it's become a human rights issue.

In the Republican Club meeting last week, we were discussing whether gay rights fit into the mold of human rights or if it were separate entirely. One member agreed with the former,

saying that human rights are the basic rights that we all have - the right to food, clothing, and shelter - and gay rights are an extension of that.

I tend to disagree with that notion. I believe that human rights include the ones listed above, but I add a fourth one to that list, and that is the right to the pursuit of happiness.

I know that has the sound of the Declaration of Independence to it, but it's true. All humans have the right to food, clothing, and shelter. There is no doubt about that.

But a human being cannot be expected to live in squalor once he or she attains those basic rights.

They should be allowed to pursue whatever life they choose. If a person who grew up in poverty with barely a rag on their back and a crumb of food to eat decides they want to make something of themselves, if they put their mind to it, they can achieve it.

This principle also works with whatever sexual preference people choose to make. In my opinion, I feel society has an expectation that all people start out as heterosexual with some people changing over time to become homosexual.

However they arrive at their sexual preference, it shouldn't be disallowed for people who prefer a different

marital relationship than is the norm to practice said relationship.

As I mentioned in my March 8th article, there are nine states and two Native American tribes that allow for gay marriages. The tide is certainly turning.

I raise the issue because my opinion on gay marriage and my thoughts on how Senator Rob Portman's change-of-heart on the issue affects the Republican Party was asked of me at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) that I attended a couple of weekends ago.

Once this issue becomes as seriously regarded as the civil

rights movement of the 1960s, I believe that there will be sweeping changes in the way that gay marriage is perceived and it will be more openly supported.

The issue is already starting to. As I mentioned in my previous article, prominent Republicans like Jon Huntsman, Alex Castellanos, and Rob Portman and even some prominent Democrats like Hillary Rodham Clinton, Mark Warner, and Barack Obama are now in support of gay marriage.

While I don't believe that it is an issue for the federal government, I think these nationally prominent politicians will be able to pressure the states to act in the right way on this issue.



# WSU Music Department presents 'Cabaret'

## WSU Press Release

The Westfield State University Department of Music presents its third annual spring musical Cabaret by Kander & Ebb on April 11th, 12th, and 13th at Dever Stage.

Show times are at 7:30 pm on April 11th, 12th and 13th with an additional 2:00 pm matinee on the 13th.

General admission tickets are only \$12 for adults, \$8 for students/senior citizens.

Cabaret is set in a night club in Berlin, as the 1920's are drawing to a close.

The Master of Ceremonies welcomes the audience to the show and assures them that, whatever their troubles, they will forget them at the Cabaret.

His songs provide wry commentary throughout the show.

On the train to Berlin we find Cliff, a young American writer, and Ernst, a German who surprises Cliff by putting his briefcase among Cliff's luggage at the German border. History is in the process of being made.

Musical numbers include It Couldn't Please Me More, Willkommen, Cabaret, Don't Tell Mama, and Two Ladies. We find Cliff on the train again, now leaving Berlin alone.

He writes about Sally and the people of Berlin leading up to the Third Reich.

Dr. Sabine Klein, associate professor of theatre arts, is directing the production and Dr. Mary Brown Bonacci, assistant professor of music, serves as vocal director.

Cabaret is the performance component to the Music Theatre Class which features Westfield State University students and is accompanied by a 9

piece orchestra under the baton of Scott Bailey.

The set and lighting is designed by Ernest W. Iannaccone, WSU Technical Director, with costumes designed by Solveig Pfluger.

For the first time, we will offer a special package deal - A Dinner and A Show - on Friday April 12th at 6:00 pm.

Please join us for this special pre-show buffet dinner in the Loughman Living Room at WSU. The meal includes appetizers, choice of 3 hot selections, salad, desert (prepared by the Westfield Voc/Tech Culinary Arts Program Students) and beverage.

Beer and Wine will be available at the cash bar. Performance will follow at 7:30 pm. The cost is only \$30 per person. For more information or to purchase your tickets please go to [deverstage.com](http://deverstage.com).

Dever Stage at Westfield



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State University offers Music, Dance and Theatre performances each Fall and Spring featuring students, faculty performers

and guest speakers.

Most events are free, many are low cost, and some benefit local charities.

## April 2013 Schedule

## DEVER STAGE

WED	17	7:30pm	Chamber Ensembles
THU	18	7:30pm	Jazz Combos
FRI	19	7:00pm	<i>Raise the Roof</i> ResLife benefit for <i>Habitat For Humanity</i>
SUN	21	3:00pm	Senior Performance Recital: <i>Kelsey Fritz</i> voice.
TUE	23	7:30pm	Wind Symphony
WED	24	12:30pm 7:00pm	Studio Recital CAB presents "Price it Right"
SAT	27	1:00pm 7:30pm	<i>Modern Showcase</i> by WSU Dance Company SGA presents <i>Mr. Westfield</i>
SUN	28	3:00pm 7:30pm	Recital: <i>Kaleigh Kelleher</i> , flute and <i>Kerry Turok</i> , voice Senior Composition Recital, <i>Greg Hall</i>
MON	29	7:30pm	Festival Chorus
TUE	30	7:30pm	Senior Jazz Recital: <i>Noah Lis</i> , saxophone

# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Alec Baldwin – Born April 3, 1958



Born the second of six children in Amityville, New York, Alec Baldwin is one of four actors in his family (brothers Stephen, William and Daniel) with the most successful career to date. His father was a football coach and his mother was a social studies teacher in Long Island, New York, where Alec was raised. He studied political science at George Washington University and nearly attended law school before moving to Manhattan to pursue an acting career. Under the tutelage of acting coach Lee Strasburg at New

York University, Baldwin was able to enhance his craft. Tim Burton's *Beetlejuice* was Baldwin's first high-profile role in a successful movie, leading to a string of roles in films like 1988's *Married to the Mob* and *Working Girl* and 1990's *The Hunt for Red October*. Baldwin's acting chops were readily apparent in 1992, winning a Tony Award playing Stanley Kowalski in *A Streetcar Named Desire* on Broadway and appearing in a memorable ten-minute cameo at the beginning of *Glengarry Glen Ross*, a film with an all-star cast including Jack Lemmon and Al Pacino. His reputation for switching from serious to quirky roles led to a career-defining role on NBC's *30 Rock* with Tina Fey, which landed him three Golden Globes, three Screen Actors Guild Awards and two Emmy Awards.

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## First Batch of Coca-Cola Invented - April 29, 1886

After Colonel John Pemberton of the Confederate Army was badly wounded in the Civil War, he returned home to Atlanta, Georgia and began experimenting with coca plants and kola nut to produce a pain-reducing concoction that would lift the spirits of veterans ailed by injuries and depression. His first invention was called Pemberton's French Wine Coca, which incorporated alcohol. In response to the temperance movement that would later ban alcoholic beverages, Pemberton began experimenting with partner and druggist Willis Venable to test alternatives. The two tested the ingredients and discovered an accidental blend of base syrup and carbonated water, leading to the creation of the

drink and an alliterative name, Coca-Cola. Pemberton died in 1888 before the drink dominated the fountain soda market, which was marketed to relieve headaches, calm nerves and invigorate happiness. Controversy surrounded the first batches of Coca-Cola for a rumored special ingredient: cocaine. The Coca-Cola Company were quick to dispel these rumors, and trace amounts of cocaine existing in coca plants have proven too minimal to have actually appeared in the original recipe. Coca-Cola would become the most popular drink in the world, with The Coca-Cola Company advancing a franchised distribution system that now serves every country in the world except for Cuba and North Korea.

facts by wikipedia.org

## Pope John Paul II – Died April 2, 2005

The first Polish-born Pope in the history of the Roman Catholic Church, Karol Wojtyla was born on May 18, 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. Karol's early life was marked by tragedy; his mother passed away when he was nine, as did his brother Edmund when he was twelve. He first joined the church in secret to evade occupying Nazi troops, studying religion at a hidden seminary in Krakow. Karol was ordained as a priest in 1946 and rose in rank to become the Bishop of Krakow in 1964. Known for being a leader of thought in the Church, Father Wojtyla joined the Second Vatican Council in 1962 to begin reviewing Church doctrine. His contributions led to his appointment as a Cardinal in 1967 by Pope Paul VI. In 1978, following the death of Paul VI, Father Wojtyla was voted



to the papacy, becoming the first non-Italian Pope in over 400 years. Three years after his election, the new Pope was shot twice in St. Peter's Square in a failed assassination attempt. He would later personally forgive his attacker. Pope John Paul II firmly opposed capital punishment and played a big part in international politics, most notably influencing the fall of communism in Poland. He died of an undisclosed illness in 2005 but suffered from debilitating health for many years, some believing he had a form of Parkinson's disease.

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# MTV's 'Real World' is back with a former WSU student

## Tyler Morissette Voice Reporter

For most of us the "Real World" on MTV has been a staple in our lives, similar to watching Nickelodeon, and Disney Channel.

It has always been there, and now it is premiering its 28th season this week. The setup is the same as it has always been: 7 strangers are picked to live to in a house and have their lives taped.

The Real World that is

shown now, however, is not the Real World of the past, to say the least.

The Real World of the past was one in which young people learned more about themselves. It dealt with real issues of race, gender, sexuality, and more.

It was a show that defined generations and gave MTV a persona other than showing music videos.

Yet that agenda is long gone, and it's a shame.

I thought of this over the weekend, when MTV decided to show some "retro" Real World seasons in their

entirety. Seasons like the first one in New York, the infamous San Francisco season, the Back to New York season, and others.

Watching these episodes, I could not yet think about all the crazy hairstyles and the people, but more importantly, the storylines they crossed in those seasons.

Back then the Real World wasn't about being absolute fools and getting drunk every night. No, those seasons had a purpose and viewers became immersed in issues that were affecting people of that time.

This is not to say that I will not watch the new season. No, I will definitely watch every episode.

However, the aura and essence of the show is different and that is something that viewers of today's reality TV shows have come to accept as we continue to watch shows like the Kardashians, Big Brother, Jersey Shore, and others.

From the trailers and information that I have found out on the incoming cast, they seem like an interesting group, in which there will be a lot of in house fighting and many hook-

ups.

There is a Boston native, Johnny, who went to Westfield State before transferring to Bridgewater State, a Hooters waitress, and a girl who posed for Playboy.

Nonetheless, the show will continue, and viewers will continue to watch to see the raunchy behavior of twenty-something year olds, see them make complete fools of themselves on national TV, and still enjoy it.

The Real World: Portland is on Wednesday nights on MTV at 10 p.m.



## A&E Quick Info

### Top Singles

1. Baauer - Harlem Shake
2. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis - Thrift Shop
3. Bruno Mars - When I Was Your Man
4. Justin Timberlake - Suit & Tie
5. Rihanna - Stay
6. Drake - Started From The Bottom
7. Taylor Swift - I Knew You Were Trouble
8. will.i.am & Britney Spears - Scream & Shout
9. P!nk - Just Give Me A Reason
10. Lil Wayne - Love Me

### Top Movies

1. The Croods
2. Olympus Has Fallen
3. Oz the Great and Powerful
4. The Call

### Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Freeloaders
2. White Elephant
3. Stolen
4. Django Unchained
5. Dragon

### Top Albums

1. Bon Jovi - What About Now
2. David Bowie - The Next Day
3. Luke Bryan - Spring Break... Here to Party
4. Passion - Let the Future Begin
5. Bruno Mars - Unorthodox Jukebox
6. Mindless Behavior - All Around the World
7. Eric Clapton - Old Sock
8. Mumford & Sons - Babel

## Movie reviews: Dark Skies, Dead Man Down rated low

**Brad Avery**  
Voice Reporter

### Dark Skies

How close does a movie have to be to Poltergeist before it's just considered a remake?

Dark Skies takes the haunted house concept and swaps out ghosts for aliens, but doesn't manage to do much else beyond that, hitting all the predictable beats.

Still, the film's suburban setting and motifs of financial trouble and home foreclosure suggest that this story about a family trying to protect themselves from aliens may have a bit more going on under the surface.

Grade: C

### Dead Man Down

It's nothing new that a film's trailer can hype you up for a movie that ends up disappointing, but the trailer for Dead Man Down may actually be a better piece of filmmaking than the film itself.

The trailer's editing and use of music create an ethereal quality that's completely absent in the movie.

Colin Farrell plays a mob enforcer who is secretly planning revenge against the crime boss he works for.

Things become complicated when his neighbor (Noomi Rapace) reveals that she saw him murder a man in his apartment.

She then demands that he kill an acquitted drunk driver

who crashed into her months ago.

The film dabbles in the morality of revenge and the tolls it takes on the person committing it, but throws it out the window for cheap action that doesn't satisfy.

It's a thriller that needed a few more script revisions before hitting the screen.

Grade: C-

### Stoker

Stoker is the first American film from Korean director Park Chan-Wook.

After the death of her father, India Stoker (Mia Wasikowska) discovers an uncle (Matthew Goode) whom she never knew she had.

It quickly becomes clear

that her uncle is hiding some dark secrets.

It's best to go into Stoker knowing as little about the plot as possible.

It's a slow but deliberately paced film that shocks and occasionally horrifies, but that should be expected out of a family drama directed by the man who made Oldboy.

Wasikowska is the highlight, delivering a performance that combines the inherent sadism of Wednesday Addams with the cold distance of Kristen Stewart (in a good way).

It's not as disturbing as some of Park's past work, but it's probably a bit too transgressive for most mainstream audiences.

Grade: A-

## Album reviews: Super 700's album recommended

**Lyndon Seitz**  
A&E Reporter

### The Stone Coyotes: A Wild Bird Flying

For those of you who don't like modern country music because the songwriting is lackluster at best, the lyrics unoriginal or unenlightening, and the singing is mostly trying to get by on twang without actually having a decent amount of talent, you can hold up this album as a good example.

This is a country album that I can't really say has much creativity behind it.

The lyrics are the only part worth mentioning, and even those aren't anything to brag about. It's not bad; it's just tolerable (to some) and really a time-killer.

Wouldn't you rather be killing time doing other things, like listening to better music?

**Junior High: Junior**  
High

I don't like pop music

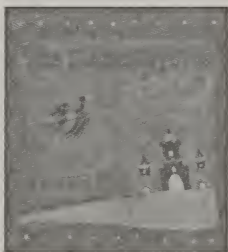


photo by stonecoyotes.com

### Super700: Under The No Sky

This is really top notch acoustic based rock from a collective of German Musicians (don't worry, the lyrics are in English) that goes a variety of places, all of which are good.

Some of the softer tracks are reminiscent of Norah Jones, and the music feels familiar and inviting at its best.

On the not so soft tracks, there is a sense of purpose and the pacing is done just right for the album, giving is a sense of style that is rarely seen in this sort of music.

I enjoyed the entire record and I highly recommend it.

### RABBIT: List of Secrets

This is a rock EP, with everything you'd expect from one in terms of the music (listen to a song or two by the Foo Fighters, then lower your expectations).

The music is good, although I have one problem with it. All four songs on the

EP sound essentially the same to me.

They have very similar songs structures, at least mostly the same instrumentation, lyrics that from what I can tell are on the same theme, and they're all about the same length (the last track is one minute longer than the others).

You might like it, although I'm not sure you'll like it four times in a row.

Static Producer- 1

I'll just start out by saying this is not a good record. It's just painful to listen to, really.

The vocals sound like a bear is growling, backed up by music that is simplistic and okay at best and annoying when it isn't its best (a good deal of the time).

It's basic guitar noise and hitting the drums in the same repetitive pattern while the vocalists growl away.

I have little else to say about it so I shall repeat my first statement: this is not a good record.

# Westfield baseball splits doubleheader with ECSU

## WSU Athletic Department

The Westfield State University baseball team split a doubleheader with nationally ranked Eastern Connecticut State University on a sunny but cold and blustery Saturday, March 23.

In the opener, Evan Chamberlain spaced five singles over six innings and Drew Accomando and Brendan Lynch drove in runs in a three-run fifth inning to lift No. 19 Eastern (9-3 record) to its 10th straight victory over Westfield by a 7-1 score.

In the second game, Eastern stranded seven runners in scoring position – four of them at third base – as Westfield (4-7) ended a seven-game losing streak by holding on for a 6-5 victory.

In the first game, Chamberlain (3-0) lowered his ERA to 1.66 by fanning seven and walking three.

Eastern led 3-0 before Westfield scored its only run with a two-out single by team batting leader Dan Rokitowski.

The Warriors moved out to a 6-1 lead by scoring three times in the fifth off complete-

game loser Peter Cassidy on three doubles, a walk, passed ball and wild pitch.

Lynch's double plated Adam Roderick, who opened the inning with a double, and Accomando drove in Joe Balowski and Mike Riemer with a double to right-center.

Westfield broke a 5-5 tie in the sixth inning of the nightcap on a full-count, bases-loaded walk to Kevin Greene. An inning-opening infield single, a pair of bunts by Mike Molta and Rokitowski and an intentional walk to Andrew Medeiros loaded the bases with two outs to set up the go-ahead walk.

The Warriors trailed throughout the second game – leaving six runners in scoring position through the first five innings – before finally tying the game, 5-5 in the sixth with three runs.

An infield error ignited the rally before Mike Vaccarelli plated the first two runs with a single to right-center, and Lynch's sacrifice fly tied the game.

Down 6-5 in the seventh, Riemer and Pete Gonski singled, but winning pitcher Kevin Zyrkowski got a ground



photo by Mickey Curtis

Kevin Greene drove in four runs in the second-game victory, including a bases-loaded walk to snap a 5-5 tie.

ball and fly out to center to end the game.

Vaccarelli finished the day with four hits and drove in three runs, as did Lynch and Accomando. Riemer reached safely five times with three hits and two walks and Accomando reached safely four times with two hits and two walks. He doubled and tripled. Lynch doubled twice among his three hits.

Westfield's Greene drove in four runs in the nightcap, three of them coming on a pair of singles after he had fanned twice in the opener. He also reached on an error and walked in four plate appearances in Game 2.

Molta and Evan Moorhouse both collected three hits in the twinbill. Playing only in the second game, Medeiros reached safely all four times

with a single, wind-blown, sun-aided triple to right, sacrifice fly and his intentional walk in the sixth during the Owls' game-winning rally.

In the second game, five Westfield pitchers tossed one inning apiece before Zyrkowski (1-0) came on to get all three outs in the sixth on a game-tying sacrifice fly and inning-ending double play, and leave the tying run aboard in the seventh.

## Women's lacrosse falls to Keene

### WSU Athletic Department

Leading 3-1 at halftime, Keene State College reeled off five unanswered goals in the opening six minutes of the second half in toppling Westfield State University, 14-6, in women's lacrosse action on Sunday afternoon, March 24.

The Owls of Keene State improved its record to 2-4 while the Owls of Westfield State are 2-2.

After a scoreless opening 10 minutes, Keene took a 1-0 lead with 19:27 remaining in

the first half on a goal by Lauren Brow. Nicole Curry scored three minutes later to give the visitors a 2-0 lead.

Westfield got on the scoreboard with 14:52 remaining on a goal by Maura Stack. Keenan's Kaitlin Nolan scored the final goal of the first half at the 4:05 mark.

Keene's five-goal outburst at the outset of the second half included two goals by Julie Trombetta. Westfield countered with goals from Stack and Sadie Graham to make the score 8-3, but Keene reeled off four consecutive goals, including two

from Nolan, for a commanding 12-3 lead with 5:02 remaining.

Nolan led Keene's balanced attack with a game-high three goals. Scoring two goals were Trombetta, Eliza Witherbee, Brown and Annie Flynn. Flynn and Witherbee each had and assist.

Stack had two goals and an assist for Westfield and freshman reserve Sam Lungarini tallied two goals late in the game.

In a key team statistic, Keene dominated the draw controls, 16-6. Westfield goalie Mimi Khampaeng stopped seven shots.

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# WSU softball team looking to make positive strides in 2013

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Last year the Westfield State Owls softball team had a very good season considering the changes that were made before the year began.

After Coach Lou Ann Simchak's resignation, in came new coach Lindsay Sawyer. Behind senior pitching ace Madeline Tomich, who struck out 205 batters last year, the Owls played in the MASCAC Championship game. Unfortunately they lost, ending their season with a 21-20 overall record.

The team enters

the 2013 season after losing four players to graduation from last year's squad with a roster the features only four upperclassman (one senior and three juniors).

The only senior on this year's team is outfielder Courtney Begin.

With so many underclassmen, 2013 will undoubtedly be a rebuilding year for Westfield. This season will prove to be one where many young players will gain experience that will help them become better down the road.

The Owls are 2-6 in the early start of this season (as of March 27) and are still trying to find themselves.

Thankfully for Coach

Sawyer, Westfield has their senior leader, Begin, who has had a very good start to the year, building on an eight-game hitting streak while batting .423 with 11 hits. Begin's bat and leadership will be vital if the Owls want to have a productive season.

On the pitching side, Westfield will of course have to try to replace Tomich, which is no simple task in itself. Junior Kelley Fluett and sophomore Emily Mailloux will be counted on to have big seasons, as they'll face the major hitters of the MASCAC.

Nonetheless, though this year's team does not have the star power it had last season, the future looks very bright for



*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Kelsey Carpenter beats out a bunt single in a game against Rhode Island College.

Coach Sawyer's Owls, and any help the team in the next couple of years.

## Tips for fantasy baseball owners as MLB season approaches

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

Spring training is finally coming to an end. The MLB regular season is set to open on Sunday, March 31 with the Houston Astros taking on the Texas Rangers.

With the start of the regular season, fantasy baseball players all across the country will be entering their draft rooms with dreams of taking home bragging rights (and money) from friends.

Before you head into your draft, I'm going to give you three players who you should be careful not to overrate and three players who might be good sleeper picks in later rounds.

Let's start with the players who you shouldn't overrate.

First up is Mike Trout – I figured we'd start it with a bang.

Now let me clarify that I'm not saying Mike Trout isn't a spectacular player, because he is.

What you should be careful of, however, is being blinded by the hype of his great first season and picking him ahead of more deserving, and proven, players.

I'd take Miguel Cabrera, Ryan Braun and even Andrew McCutchen ahead of Trout in the first round.

Next up is Josh Hamilton. Similar to Trout, there is no doubt he is a great player.

However, he is no longer playing in hitter-friendly Rangers Ballpark and his strikeout rate is awfully concerning. I'd be hesitant to pick him earlier than the third round.

Finally we have Yu Darvish. Darvish will undoubtedly give you strikeouts and most likely 14-18 wins, especially with the addition of the Astros to the AL West.

Where there is concern is with his WHIP, as he walked 89 batters last season, and his 3.90 ERA. That's not a terrible number, but it makes it hard to justify having him ranked ahead of pitchers like Felix Hernandez

and Cole Hamels, which he is in many leagues.

Now it's time for the sleepers. We'll start off with a hometown name in Will Middlebrooks.

Middlebrooks batted .288 with 15 homers and 54 RBIs in 75 games last year before a wrist injury ended his season.

I don't expect him to be a .300 hitter, as his pitch selection isn't all the way there yet, but the home runs and RBIs should be there, as he will be slotted somewhere in the middle of the Red Sox order. He'd be a great value pick, as he's currently sitting one spot behind Miguel Montero in ESPN rankings.

Up next is Jesus Montero. The Mariners catcher hit at a .260 clip last season, and showed decent power with 15 home runs.

Seattle moved the fences in at Safeco Field for this season, and Montero might be the player who benefits most from that. Ranked 190th in ESPN rankings currently, Montero should far out produce that

ranking, with a .270 average, 20-25 homers and a top-ten finish statistically among catchers a realistic possibility.

Finally we go to the opening day starting pitcher for the Chicago Cubs, Jeff Samardzija. Now granted, he is not on a very good team, which will hurt him in the "wins" category.

However, Samardzija finished last year with a 3.81 ERA and the fourth best strikeout rate in all of baseball. Coming into his second year as a starter, there is little reason to believe those numbers won't improve, and he should end up being worth more than his 127 ESPN ranking.

### Upcoming WSU Home Games

#### Friday, March 29

Softball vs. Bridgewater State (DH) @ 12:00 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Bridgewater State (DH) @ 12:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 4

Softball vs. Western Connecticut (DH) @ 3:00 p.m.

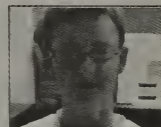
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# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



The common theme of this past weekend's talk surrounding college basketball was the officiating that took hold of many games down the stretch.

While the tournament is widely known for officiating that allows physical play, this year's referees have all but abolished this preconceived notion in the course of one weekend. Although fans are still at odds with the call regarding Aaron Craft's status in the restricted area, the real noteworthy aspect of the first weekend of games was the flagrant foul calls that created quite the buzz around the tournament.

Although rule changes were made in 2011 (for the start of this season), including the implementation of the three-

foot restricted arc, it seems that only now the majority of the college basketball world has come to learn of these alterations.

With this rule change, the terms "Flagrant 1" and "Flagrant 2" were coined in differentiating the severity of the two calls. Essentially the Flagrant 1 took the place of the intentional foul and the Flagrant 2 took the place of the original flagrant foul.

The idea of such a change resulted in the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel working towards eliminating the word "intentional," because a player's intent to foul is not what the call is intended to adhere to.

The Flagrant 1 rule states that a player swinging his el-

bows above the shoulders making illegal, non-excessive contact with opponents would result in the call being made.

What the committee failed to consider was that they were initiating a rule change that essentially eliminated incidental content, which is a part of basketball.

Basketball is a game of physicality and creating a rule that penalizes players for a wrong place, wrong time type collision is simply reckless.

Although their intentions with the rule changes made in March of 2011 were for protecting players and making the game safer, the panel looked in all the wrong directions.

Upon coaches request, officials are allotted time to review whether or not a play

should be deemed a flagrant foul, even if they didn't see the incident live.

Officiating crews proved to unsuccessfully determine the calls in a timely manner in the plays involving Creighton's Doug McDermott, Pittsburgh's Lamar Patterson, California's Justin Cobbs and Wichita State's Ehimen Orukpe, most of which debatably occurred from an unfortunate accidental play on the floor.

The small minority of those advocating for the rule's short reign to continue state the reasonability of the players to recognize the importance of player safety, reminding them to play within strict parameters that will soon become routine at the collegiate level.

This stance remains

problematic as a safer game doesn't equate to a better one. Penalizing athletes who are moving at full speed for merely bumping into their opponents can only create more distaste in the eyes of the coaches, players and fans.

There are some who argue this discussion surrounding college basketball is a non-issue, but the significance of this rule is and has been awarding teams a chance for two free throws and possession. The punishment simply doesn't fit the crime. While fans toss and turn over this blemish in the rule book, pleading their case for why their team got cheated, brighter days are ahead as the rules committee will be taking a closer look at the rule change this summer.

## March Madness begins with unpredictable upsets

Ryan Sances  
Voice Reporter

For many sports fans, March means March Madness. Every year millions of people fill out their brackets, attempting to predict the most unpredictable sports tournament.

This year's tournament certainly hasn't disappointed. Several early upsets, close calls and last-second victories have not only busted countless brackets, but have also proved to be wildly entertaining for college basketball fans throughout the country.

In a tournament already full of upsets in the early rounds, perhaps the biggest story so far is 15th-seeded Florida Gulf Coast. The first ever 15 seed to advance to the Sweet 16, Gulf

Coast knocked off popular Final Four pick Georgetown in the opening round and has won over many fans with their high flying style and fun loving attitude.

Another interesting Cinderella story is La Salle. A 13th-seeded play-in team, La Salle has also managed to advance to the Sweet 16 after scoring in the final seconds to defeat Ole Miss.

Other notable upsets in the tournament have included 14th-seeded Harvard defeating New Mexico. With the win, Harvard picked up their first NCAA tournament win in school history. Ninth-seeded Wichita State also pulled off a major upset by ousting Gonzaga, the top seed in the West region.

Several other number one seeds have also seen some scares in the early going of the

tournament. In the South region, top seeded Kansas faced a much tougher matchup than anticipated against 16th-seeded Western Kentucky.

Meanwhile in the East, top-seeded Indiana faced a tough challenge of their own, squeaking out a hard-fought victory in their matchup with Temple.

In addition to upsets, this year's tournament has also featured many thrilling conclusions, most notably Aaron Craft's buzzer-beating three-pointer against Iowa State to propel Ohio State into the Sweet 16. An exciting, back and forth Marquette-Butler matchup also came down to the wire, with Marquette punching their ticket into the Sweet 16 on the strength of a last second defensive stand.

As exciting as this tourna-

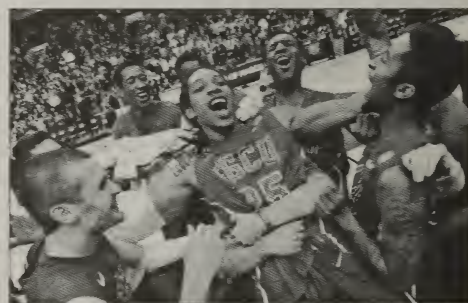


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Florida Gulf Coast University's improbable run to the Sweet 16 has been the biggest story of the tournament so far.

ment has been already, it's only just getting started. Sixteen teams and four rounds still remain before a champion will be crowned, so there is still plenty of madness to come in the next

two weeks.

Whether your bracket got busted early, or you're one of the lucky ones who still has theirs intact, it's time to sit back and enjoy the ride.



# Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Stranger things will happen to you in the next week than have happened before. Still, stranger things have happened before, too. The point is things are going to happen of varying strangeness and you will want to react to them accordingly.

# Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You will have urges to eat cookies, which you should indulge. You should indulge them no matter how politically incorrect it may be at the time. If you don't fulfill your cookie-eating urges, then who knows what might happen.

# Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

It's been a long and exhausting week for you and you may worry whether you will get that second (or third, or fourth) wind that you need so desperately to get by. Don't worry; you will get as many as you need.

# Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

The stars are really starting to run out of creative ways to tell you that your life isn't going to be all that great this week, so they're just going to come out and say it: your life isn't going to be all that great this week.

# Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You can be whatever you imagine yourself becoming. Of course, this is possible without all that time wasted dreaming and hoping, you might just want to go out and do it instead of imagining.

# Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Keep your pride in yourself. If perhaps everything that you worked so hard for fell down on you, then you still have that. If things go well then you can, well, take pride in it.

# Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

The next time you order pizza from anywhere, ask for Bob. There will always be a Bob. No matter what they say, there will be a Bob working there, and he makes the most delicious pizza. A pizza from Bob will change your life.

# Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Remember that the financial markets are completely unpredictable. Therefore the stars advise that you take their financial advice from their large financial advice book, available in a store near you.

# Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

This week there may be times where you feel like you want to burst into song and dance. You should indulge these impulses, and not care when the people start looking at you. At least you will be happy.

# Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Be the very best walrus you can be... that's not right... Oh it seems we got things mixed up with the horoscopes for the animal kingdom. Actually you know what, take that advice. Be the very best walrus you can be.

# Aquarius

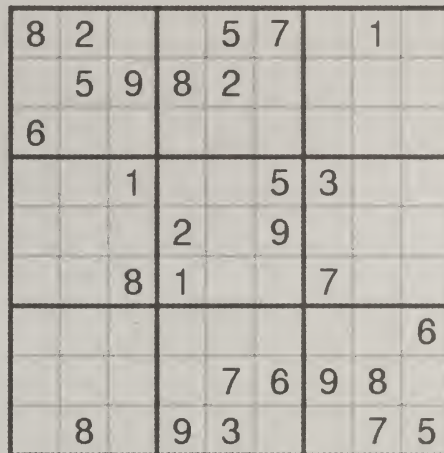
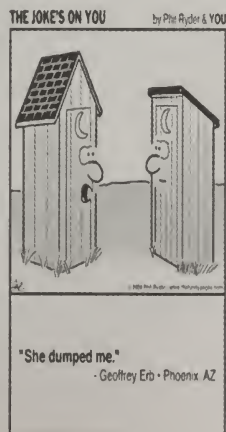
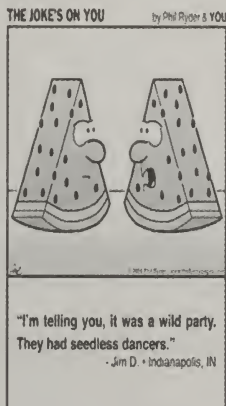
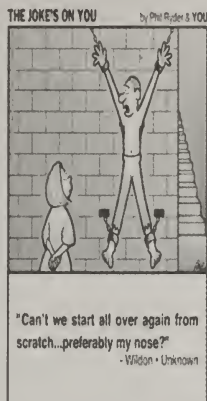
(January 21 - February 19)

Shine greatly in this world. May your light be so bright one day that you will be the light that the kids use and focus through magnifying glasses to set ants on fire.

# Pisces

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

It will start to be high tide in your life soon, and then low tide, leaving things behind that perhaps you can use. Although you might want to watch out for the jellyfish, they hurt.



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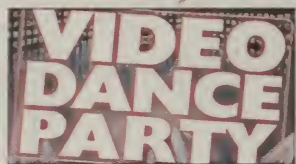
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1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.



# Breaking News

Martha Coakley, the current Attorney General of Massachusetts - and the first woman to hold the position - will be the speaker at the 2013 Commencement ceremony. Coakley is also a native of western Massachusetts. Honorary degrees will be awarded to Don Del Negro, the head trainer of the Boston Bruins, and others to be named later, according to President Dobelle.



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## The Westfield Voice

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### Internship incentive program coming to WSU

**Samantha Fahey**  
Editor-in-Chief

If you've wanted to do an internship through the school but couldn't afford it, now may be your chance.

Westfield State University will be offering matching funds for university-sponsored internships this upcoming Summer I session, through a new State Internship Incentive program.

"With generous matching support from the Westfield State University Foundation," said Associate Dean of Academic Achievement Maureen McCartney, "the University is able to participate fully in this new initiative and support undergraduate students who might

not have the means to engage in these important experiential opportunities."

Because many students struggle with the cost of tuition and gas expenses, among other things, participating in an unpaid internship may not be an option.

But through this new program, the limited pool of funds will provide assistance for the aforementioned needs and other stipends for the Summer I session internships.

The money will be funneled through the financial aid office. Based on each student's individual application, a committee will determine how much of this financial aid that student will receive.

"One key goal is to strengthen student interest and

success in STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics] fields and to reduce gaps in STEM fields for African American, Latino and female students," said McCartney. "The project identifies high-need fields to include Health Care, STEM, and Business and Finance."

Specific guidelines to qualify for this financial aid op-

portunity include full-time enrollment at the university, a 3.0 overall grade point average, and a filing of FAFSA for the 2012-2013 academic year.

"Students must be enrolled in a credit bearing internship experience and meet all academic departmental criteria," McCartney stated. "Students must complete an application and secure faculty sponsorship

for this credit bearing experience."

Applications will be emailed to students and will also be available in Academic Achievement located in Parenzo Hall, Room 101. The priority deadline for applying is April 15. Students can contact McCartney for full guidelines, application, and additional information.

### Graduating Seniors:

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Register online April 10-17 to participate and request tickets.

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Fri - 6:30am-7:30pm  
Sat - 10:00am-6:00pm

# Quick Hits

**Friday, April 5**

5:00p.m.  
The Owl Ball  
Chez Josef

**Saturday, April 6**

12:00p.m.  
Softball vs.  
Framingham  
Alumni Field

12:00p.m.  
Baseball vs.  
Framingham State  
Alumni Field

10:00p.m.  
Open Mic Night  
The Nest

**Sunday, April 7**

10:00a.m.  
WSU Out of the  
Darkness Walk  
Woodward Track

6:00p.m.  
Celtics vs. Washington  
The Nest

## Asian Studies minor and course coming to WSU

**Alex Myers**  
Editor-in-Chief

While many people in America, and on Westfield State University's campus, know some things about Asia – they produce almost everything and have one of the world's largest economies – the intricacies of the continent are, for the most part, completely foreign.

Starting in the fall of 2013, students at WSU will have the opportunity to take a class focusing completely on Asian history, both past and present, and to take on an Asian Studies minor to delve deeper into the culture.

Co-taught by Professor Hugh Jo of the Political Science Department, along with professors in the Economics & Management and Sociology departments, Introduction to Asian Studies will examine Confucianism, Taoism, and other teachings of China that formed the foundation for East Asian Civilization.

It will also discuss the modern economic history of India and China and the economic expansion of Japan and South Korea.

Inspiration for this course, said Professor Jo, comes from

the interest America has had recently with studying the Asia Pacific region.

"As America becomes more diverse, multicultural, and globalized, there're increases in the number of Asian and Asian American students enrolled in colleges and universities," he said. "Moreover, many college students in recent years head to Asia for study abroad and for better employment opportunities."

Because of these trends, Jo said, the university felt it was time to develop an Asian Studies minor at Westfield State.

"With this minor, we hope, our students learn more about cultures and societies of Asia, enhance their understanding of the world we live in, and become successful in their careers after graduation," Jo said.

Jo said he believes the Introduction to Asian Studies class will appeal to a wide variety of students on this campus.

"This course will be an informative and interesting class for many different majors and minors on campus," he said.

As part of the course, Jo said that students will have the chance to visit the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem in order to familiarize themselves

with ancient civilizations in Asia.

Jo also said he believes that having Asian Studies as a major will be a good "stepping stone" for students to study abroad, along with "helping them getting familiar with the country of their interest and prepare for their studies there."

Because Westfield State has been promoting and expanding its international travel programs, Jo said this minor "can play an important role in Westfield's internationalization efforts."

In looking forward, Jo said students that choose Asian Studies as their minor can spend a semester in Asia under an exchange program and earn up to 15 credits from our sister institution that can be used towards the minor.

"The Asian Studies minor also dovetails nicely with the University's efforts to diversify the curriculum on campus," he said. "Westfield State is particularly interested in faculty exchanges by which faculty members of our sister institutions come and teach."

"With the Asian Studies minor, Westfield State is better positioned to attract exchange faculty from Asian countries. This will certainly broaden

class choices for our students and enrich their learning experiences at Westfield State."

Jo said he feels confident the interest in the Asian Studies minor will grow over time, especially as more and more Americans are beginning to believe that the United States' well being and growth depends upon its friendly ties with Asia.

"We have dedicated professors teaching various classes for the minor and we're all committed to making the Asian Studies program excellent," he said. "We expect to develop and offer more diverse courses on Asia."

The minor requirements include taking Introduction to Asian studies for three credits and then choosing five electives from at least three different departments – Art, Communication, Ethnic and Gender Studies, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and World Language Studies.

"This minor will go well with any major," Jo said.

Pols 0110 Introduction to Asian Studies will be offered Tuesday and Thursdays next semester from 8:15 to 9:30. Professor Jo will answer any questions students may have and can be contacted at HJo@westfield.ma.edu.

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## Reflecting on a month celebrating women

**Jake Lehan**  
Voice Reporter

Every year, the department of Ethnic and Gender Studies coordinates events on campus bringing a number of activists, speakers and performers to educate students and faculty alike.

This March, Month Celebrating Women (MCW) has hosted events throughout the world inspiring people, celebrating women's achievements and campaigning for peace.

The UN designated March 8, 1975 as International Women's Year and the U.S. decided to observe the entire month of March as Women's History Month. Since then, every 8th of March is International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

Cultural theorist Bell Hooks offers an understanding of feminism from her work *Feminism is for Everybody*. "Simply put, feminism is a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation, and oppression... To understand feminism it implies one has to necessarily understand sexism."

As a male feminist and anti-sexist, I am appalled by sexism, discrimination, and rape culture at our university. I believe a modern progressive world needs equality.

Here at Westfield, our campus provides events celebrating women to teach and inspire students of many backgrounds to work together in creating a better future starting with ourselves.

Monday March 25th, Magdalen Hsu-Li enhanced WSU with her charisma. Hsu-Li is an internationally acclaimed artist, musician, feminist, Asian American, bisexual woman, speaker, and cultural activist who is redefining the image of

the female musician and smashing the ceiling in the American music industry.

Her work helps bring communities together by cultivating collaboration between different identities. In a culture where certain qualities or choices are demeaned and made to seem subordinate, Hsu-Li embraces her personal identity and encourages others to redefine their own as a source of power, creativity and pride.

Student and faculty activists performed our university's production of Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*. Each of the monologues dealt with an aspect of the feminine experience, touching on matters such as sex, love, rape, menstruation, female genital mutilation, masturbation, birth, orgasm, the various common names for the vagina, or simply as a physical aspect of the body.

As part of the *Vagina Monologues*, Ms. Ensler's campaign, *One Billion Rising* is the beginning of the new world ignited by a new energy. It is not the end of a struggle but the escalation of it. Now is the time to enact change. One Billion men and women are rising together to end violence against women.

On March 7th, 2013 just before signing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) into law, President Obama declared that "...This victory shows that when the American people make their voices heard, Washington listens", as a result of a year-long effort to renew legislation that provides federal funding for programs aiding the prosecutions of domestic and sexual violence cases.

The new millennium has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both individual's and society's thoughts about women's equality and feminism.

With an increasing number of successful women and greater equality in legislative

rights, many people feel the battle for women's equality has already been won, but the unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally, women's education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men. For example, 1 in 3 women are raped and/or beaten by men in her lifetime and 1 in 4 women on American college campuses have survived sexual violence.

Meanwhile, the problem worsens by many Hollywood films, news media and television programs reinforcing American rape culture and patriarchal attitudes.

Keep in mind the patriarchy on a global scale is a system of society in which men hold the power and women are largely excluded from it. Patriarchy results in the unfair treatment of women and brainwashes men into masculine power trips, or more so, abuse of power trips.

For men, we need to realize that this is not only a 'women's issue', we need to approach gender violence as a 'men's issue'. Women aren't shooting up schools, objectifying men, conducting war and raping people. Men are responsible for 95% of violence against women. The US allowing women in the Armed Forces to fight in combat is most definitely not progressive nor helpful to anyone but the patriarchy.

As a community, we need to stop supporting sexism, homophobia and racial discrimination. We need to call out sexism, discrimination and sexual abuse when it shows. Individually we have to recognize our own attitudes before we can speak out against the attitudes that perpetuate sexism, racism, discrimination and violence here on campus and on a grand scale.

## Coffey Break with Paul Basile

by Kylie Coffey



Major: Communication  
Hometown: Springfield, MA

1. *What does an average day for you look like?*  
Waking up hours before my classes begin, playing some bass, and complaining about writing blogs.
2. *What kind of music have you downloaded recently?*  
I recently downloaded The Transplants new single "War-zone".
3. *If you had to spend a day with either Justin Bieber or Lindsay Lohan, which one would you choose and why?*  
If I pick Lindsay Lohan, would there be two of me?
4. *Do you have any pet peeves?*  
Rats.
5. *Has anyone ever told you that you have a celebrity doppelganger? Who?*  
People tell me that I look like Rocky and I've never understood it.
6. *Are you involved at all on campus? If so, how?*  
I spend a lot of time on campus (even though I'm a commuter) in the wonderful world of New Hall 401. I'm also on the executive board at WSKB.
7. *What was the last movie you saw in theaters? What did you think of it?*  
Django Unchained. I loved it, just like the rest of the world did.
8. *Where would you bury hidden treasure if you had some?*  
I would bury hidden treasure under the globe on campus.

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# STDs: Common at universities?

**Corey Smith**  
Voice Reporter

Teens and young adults today are unknowingly spreading more than just their Facebook status's, they are spreading sexually transmitted diseases.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in 4 people will contract a STD by the age of 25, and most won't even know it. This is why education about STD awareness now has its own awareness month -- April-- and many colleges statewide participate in this awareness.

"In January when students returned from winter break we tested 3 people, February we tested 15 and previously in October we had 2 positive tests for males and females alike, and November we had 4 males and females respectively testing positive for a STD," said Patricia Berube who is a Registered Nurse and the Director of Health Services at Westfield State University.

Berube stated that the top 3 STD's that she sees at WSU are human papillomavirus (HPV), chlamydia and herpes.

"Here on campus we offer expedited treatments to both the infected and their partner or partners," she explained.

That's only for those of the people who visited health services and were tested and educated on the risks of STD's, which Berube says is a weekly occurrence on campus.

Lucy Hartry, the Northampton Health Services Manager at the Tapestry Northampton location, also says that the top three STD's she sees directly agrees with what is most common at WSU; HPV, chlamydia and herpes. Although there is a large amount of information available to educate and make people aware of STD's, many people still are ig-

norant to the topic.

Hartry said, "I continue to be shocked at how much information is available, but how often people come in and have such little clue as to what they have, how they may have contracted it or how they may treat or prevent it."

She suggested that this might be due to the fact that the information is widely available for people, but they need to look for it rather than just be handed it.

For this ignorance is why education and awareness about STD's must be made a priority for health care professionals to people around the ages of 15-25, as the CDC said that this age group are the most common to contract STD's.

Society puts so much pressure on today's generation to be sexually active and look sexy. Hartry stated, "Media is totally irresponsible as far as promoting sex without protection."

She makes the suggestion asking when the last time was that someone saw a movie, music video or advertisement where there was a scene that showed a male or female putting on protection before engaging in sexual activity or a couple talking about their sexual history.

"You simply just don't see it," she states, "It is not sexy enough."

Ironically, having an STD is not sexy either. The stigma behind having an STD is the most probable explanation as to why the topic is not posted in peoples Facebook status's or talked about in conversation. A psychology major at American International College suggested a possible explanation as to why it is such a hush-hush topic.

She said, "I think that the reason people don't talk about it is because they feel like it will ruin their reputation for life. If it

is spread that a girl got an STD like chlamydia, even if it was her first time having sex she will be labeled a slut and that may follow her for the rest of her life. If a guy contracts and STD he's going to have a hard time finding future sexual partners, which is why he is most likely not going to tell his possible future partners."

A student from Framingham State University knows the risks of what may happen if you sleep with someone who pressures you into sexual activity without prior discussion.

He said, "Sometimes people forget that they have one body that is theirs and no one else's. So use protection and never do anything you are not 100 percent on. Sometimes you feel like you are letting the other person down by not just going through with it, but really, if they are worth your time, then they'll wait. Your partner should respect you."

He is not the only one who believes this. Most health care professionals will advise anyone to communicate with their future sexual partners.

It is not the easiest thing to do, in fact it might be the hardest, but it is the most important," said Hartry when asked what she believes is the most important thing to do to prevent contracting an STD.

Her top suggestion was communication, followed by protection and lastly, the more obvious one, abstaining from sexual activity all together. Most health care professionals, including Berube, would agree with that.

The fact that Sexually Transmitted Disease Education has its own awareness month should be enough suggestion as to the severity and risks of the topic. Hence why, during the month of April many facilities and colleges put on free clinics for students to anonymously

## Editor's Desk



Six more weeks. 42 days. 1,008 hours. 60,480 minutes. 3,628,800 seconds. Graduation is quickly approaching!

I won't thank anyone just yet, because I have a feeling that there will be two (or three or four, Rob and Kylie) huge Editor's desks in our last edition of the Westfield Voice. Ever.

It's so crazy to think about! It's not even real. What's also not real is that Alex and I will be in the pit the next time Maroon 5 and sexy Adam Levine come to Mansfield. Except it is real. And I'm so pumped.

I could talk about that for a while, but I'll spare you all. For now, I'll just say to really cherish these next few weeks, seniors. We won't truly miss it until it's gone!

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and confidentially get tested.

Westfield State University is one of the statewide universities participating in a few different free events regarding sexual health. On Tuesday, April 9 2013, there will be a company that will be promoting new female contraceptives to provide to students, which Berube has applied for a grant to make this possible.

She, along with the company, has also asked for student involvement during their appearance. Later in the month on Tuesday, April 23 2013, WSU

is also putting on a free testing clinic where students can confidentially get tested and know their sexual status. This will be held in health services located in Scanlon Hall from 3pm-7pm.

Don't take your sexual health or future partner's health as a light topic, as this could determine whether or not you'll be able to have kids in the future. That might not be something that is on your mind now, but don't let todays hormones ruin tomorrows future. Get yourself tested and know your sexual health.



# Three face-off at Senate debate

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

The Republican primary Senate Debate was held last Thursday at the City Stage in Springfield, Massachusetts. With a crowd of about 200, the debate featured the three men who want to win the Republican nomination to hold the Senate seat that was once occupied by John Kerry but now his temporary replacement Mo Cowen.

Dan Winslow is a former judge and current State Senator from Wrentham. He currently holds the same seat that Scott Brown once held before launching his campaign in the 2009 special election for Ted Kennedy's seat.

Mike Sullivan is a former U.S. Attorney and executive at Gillette. He is currently the frontrunner, according to a recent WBUR poll.

Gabriel Gomez, a former Navy Seal and graduate of the Harvard Business School, is currently a private equity broker. He has no past political experience. Jim Madigan from

WGBY moderated the debate.

The first question was on why they're running. The question, which was answered first by Winslow, produced very similar answers about their experience.

Winslow was the only one of the three that was from Western Massachusetts. He was born in Northampton and raised in Amherst. His wife is from Amherst as well.

Madigan then asked what the federal government should do about the high levels of unemployment in Western Massachusetts. Gomez stated that he supported leaving the 104th Fighter Wing at Barnes in Westfield and the 439th Airlift Wing at Westover in Chicopee open as they provide critical defense support for the eastern seaboard.

Winslow, however, sent the first barb when he claimed that Sullivan didn't support closing critical tax loopholes. Sullivan responded that it wasn't true.

When asked about the possibility of a high-speed rail system through Massachu-

setts, all three of the candidates seemed in support of the measure, but were cautious not to spend money unless it was absolutely necessary.

A hot button issue of the night was Medicare and Social Security. Dan Winslow stated that he did not agree with House Budget Committee chairman Paul Ryan's plan to turn Medicare into a voucher program.

Sullivan stated that Social Security was an earned program, not an entitlement program, which is a view that has been in the media lately as some politicians have been quoted as claiming that Social Security was an entitlement program.

Another hotly contested question was the abortion issue. It has been in the news lately, and both Sullivan and Gomez both stated that they were pro-life but did not wish to impose their views on women who happen to be pro-choice. Most of Massachusetts is pro-choice.

*This isn't all!*

*Read the rest of the story  
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## Editor's Desk



After three years at the newspaper, Samantha and I felt that we, and all the other seniors who have consistently contributed and helped make the newspaper what it is, deserved a little treat.

And so, we did something about it. Today we received an email saying our Westfield Voice sweatshirts and sweatpants have come in!

A constant battle is going on about whether or not we should wear the sweatshirt and sweatpants together at the same time out in public. While the general consensus has been a no, I'm extremely happy we bought them (and will also probably wear them at separate times).

In my opinion, we are one of the hardest working clubs on this campus and being able to receive and give something as simple as a sweatshirt makes me feel like I did something worthy in my four years here. So, as I hand out the remaining sweatshirts to my fellow graduating senior Voice reporters, I want to also give them a huge thank you. You thank us for being here, but really... what would we be without all of you? You deserve these lovely sweatshirts. Wear them well!

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# Twitter revolution hits the classroom

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Voice Reporter

Instead of being told to "put their phones away," what if today's students were told to actively use them in class? This is the power of the social media empire and modern classroom tool that is Twitter.

Professor Kevin Meek teaches an English Composition course entitled English 102: Writing about Sports.

One of Meek's requirements for this class is to have each one of his students keep his/her own Twitter Journal. The journal consists of two to three tweets per week regarding mate-

rial that is given in class and current sports headlines.

Meek, a Twitter user himself, claims that forcing students to interact on Twitter allows them to become more immersed in the information they are learning.

"The Twitter Journals we use allow students to practice having conversations with one another about the information we discuss in class outside the classroom setting," Meek said. "These types of interactions will eventually help students to write essays, as they will have a stronger overall understanding of the topic we are engaged in."

Jeff Underhill, a student in Prof. Meek's class, considers himself a fan of the way Twitter

is used in the course.

"I think it's a different way to show our interest in sports. It makes you want to participate more," he said.

Underhill also stated that it would not change his opinion of the class if the Twitter Journals were eliminated.

Yet, not all students feel this way. Zack Spicer thinks that the Twitter Journals used in Prof. Meek's class are "limited" and have "no clear direction."

"I feel that a lot of people in the class just tweet about random things that aren't related to what we're currently working on," Spicer said. "Also, the tweets that I post for this class end up clogging some of my friends'

Twitter feeds that follow my account, which is pretty annoying," he said.

However, Spicer did offer an interesting take on what he would do differently if he were in charge of the class.

He said, "If it were up to me, I would not use Twitter to stimulate class discussion. I would use a separate online forum instead that would only be open to members of this specific class."

Spicer clearly felt that students in the class would benefit from a more organized method of communication.

Whether you are a Twitter advocate or detractor, it is clear that it is not going away anytime

soon.

As a website, it truly speaks the language of this modern generation.

By only allowing tweets to be 140 characters or less, it requires quick, concise thoughts to be portrayed on its feeds.

The question of whether using Twitter in school truly benefits students still remains unanswered.

More teachers must become willing to experiment on the website with their students in order for the situation to become clearer.

After all, Twitter could very well become a vital tool to springboard education forward in the 21st century.

# Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors,

I would like to respond to the comments made in the article published on March 7, 2013. It appears that the Residential Life representative quoted in that article did not have the benefit of all of the facts. There have been several meetings between representatives of University Housing, LLC, Courthouse Square's developer, and WSU administrators where they have given Courthouse Square permission to put up flyers.

Regarding the flyer comparing the lower cost of Courthouse Square to similar apartment style options at WSU, the representative missed a few key points. As our flyer indicates, WSU does not allow students to stay during breaks for the base cost of a room. The University charges extra to on-campus students that want to stay during breaks and students may not have access to their regularly assigned room. He did not put forth that students need to be eligible by having an athletic, student teaching or academic obligation with WSU.

Additionally, according to their own literature, "the residence halls may be somewhat cooler in temperature than when school is in session" during Spring Break. Residents at Courthouse Square can stay during winter and spring breaks without eligibility requirements, relocation requirements or extra costs. We do not turn the heat down on our residents during break. In fact, Courthouse Square allows residents to move in two weeks prior to the beginning of the Semester without charge.

Our residents pay \$600 per month and that includes furnishings, heat, hot water, electricity, and air conditioning. There is an onsite laundry facility and a student lounge. Residents may choose to buy a meal plan from WSU, but many buy groceries and prepare their own meals to save money.

I invite the WSU community to tour our facility and then judge for themselves where they prefer to live.

Respectfully,  
Frank Fitzgerald, II

Dear Editors,

There are six weeks until seniors graduate from Westfield State and it feels that the whole graduation process is a complete and utter joke.

We are having our graduation on a Friday night at 6 p.m. Seriously, who has a graduation at that time? Don't these events normally last about three hours? I especially liked getting an email telling us that we only get four tickets for graduation. Wait, what?

The Mass Mutual Center holds about 8,000 people. 1,000 students times four guests is 4,000 people. Add a couple more guests per person and you're at like 4,200. So, what about the other 4,000 seats? Are they not being used?

Do I have to tell my grandparents who were coming from California that they can't come to my graduation? I am the first person in my family to graduate from college, and now they can't see it. Now I have to play a Hunger Games-style competition to decide who will get a ticket to graduation.

I would really like to know more information on why, especially since the email that stated that we are only allowed 4 tickets came a day before Spring Break. Family members who previously made commitments to attend, like my grandparents, now can't. That is low, and something that I don't think I deserve for putting in four long hard years at this school. And it's not fair to my parents who are paying for me to come to this school.

Salutations,  
Eric Plays with Black Squirrels

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## 'Popping tags' at thrift shops in Westfield

**Emma Savoy**  
Voice Reporter

"I'm gunna pop some tags, only got twenty dollars in my pocket." This song's catchy beat has caught people's interest.

"Thrift Shop" by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, was written to mock other rappers for spending a lot of money.

"It's kind of standing for like, let's save some money, let's keep some money away, let's spend as little as possible and look as fresh as possible at

the same time," said Macklemore.

The song itself has become quite a hit, having hit Billboard Hot 100 number one. The music video on YouTube has almost 208 million views.

What attendees of Westfield State University may or may not know is that this song could pertain to us personally. Just a few minutes down the road from our campus are two thrift shops in Westfield.

There's the Salvation Army thrift shop as well as the

Goodwill store right by Dunkin Donuts in Westfield.

Miss Gaga, store manager at the Salvation Army, has noticed a change in traffic for the store.

"Since 'Thrift Shop' came out, people come in to shop more and ma-ma-more. The business has been improving more and ma-ma-more," said Gaga.

To find out who's been going into the thrift shops more, some staking out of the store with coffee and donuts had to be done.

The customers seem to

be college students or younger, male or female.

Justin Beaver, a Westfield State Liberal Arts major, is one customer who's become a regular.

"I love that I can walk in every week and find something new," said Beaver. "Hey, this shirt was 99 cents!"

Taylor Swiffer, a current Computer Information Systems major at Westfield State, visits the shop frequently herself.

"I always said that I would never, ever, ever shop at a thrift shop," said Swiffer. "But I can get really cheap finds for my new dates every weekend."

The idea of getting clothes for cheaper is what is most appealing to college students who don't have a lot of extra money.

Clothes aren't the only things that can be found at thrift shops either. People shopping can find a variety of products, like keyboards, kneeboards and moccasins.

This new wave of shopping is giving students a new wave of confidence. "Not only do they look incredible, but they feel smart for sh-sh-shopping smart," said Gaga.

She invites everyone who doesn't want to pay fifty dollars for a t-shirt to come pop some tags.





# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

## Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



Last Thursday, March 28, I attended the debate between the three Massachusetts Republican U.S. Senate candidates at Springfield's City Stage.

The atmosphere and excitement around the debate between Michael Sullivan, Daniel Winslow and Gabriel Gomez paled in comparison to the U.S. Senate debate between Elizabeth Warren and Scott Brown at Symphony Hall that I attended last fall.

This was the case for obvious reasons.

The Brown-Warren race received national attention as the most expensive Senate race in the country. The race also had national implications for possible control of the U.S. Senate.

When Brown and Warren debated in Springfield, there probably wasn't a single undecided voter in the large audience.

Most people at the debate had strong feelings toward Brown and Warren (which were expressed by the constant cheers and boos ringing throughout Symphony Hall) and there was an excitement throughout Western Massachusetts surrounding the entire debate.

The debate between the Republican candidates last week was only a debate for the primary election to be held on April 30, and none of the three candidates have very much name recognition.

While Michael Sullivan leads the Republican field in the polls, his overall resonance with Massachusetts voters is still quite low.

The debate at City Stage was just around the block from Symphony Hall, but there were

very few people on the sidewalk holding signs – which isn't surprising considering Springfield's political make-up – and the average person wouldn't have been able to tell that there was even a debate about to take place.

This scene was quite the opposite prior to the Brown-Warren debate, and on that night you would have been hard-pressed to find someone in the city who wasn't aware of the debate set to take place.

The inside of City Stage is much smaller than Symphony Hall, and it was a much more intimate setting for a debate. But the small auditorium wasn't even half full as the debate began.

Unlike the Brown-Warren debate, moderator Jim Madigan didn't have to worry about audience noise during the Republican primary debate.

It's clear that Massachusetts voters are electioned-out after what seems like a nonstop stretch of political races since early 2010. Scott Brown's victory over Martha Coakley (who incidentally will be speaking during Westfield State's Commencement on May 17) in January 2010 was followed by the statewide elections that November, which included Governor Deval Patrick's reelection victory over Republican challenger Charlie Baker.

Before voters could even take a breath, people were already talking about 2012, Scott Brown's reelection bid and the presidential race.

Just when the 2012 election cycle was finally over, it was clear that John Kerry would be named President Obama's Secretary of State and another special election would need to be held in 2013 to fill Kerry's

vacated U.S. Senate seat.

That brings us up to the present day, where Sullivan, Winslow and Gomez are fighting for the Republican nomination, while U.S. Representatives Stephen Lynch and Edward Markey are vying for the Democratic nomination.

One of these five men will be Massachusetts' next United States Senator, but the people of the Commonwealth seem disinterested so far in the special Senate election to be held on June 25.

People are tired of political advertising, debates and elections, and it's really no surprise that there's very little buzz surrounding this election.

As for last Thursday's debate, I really didn't know very much about any of the three Republican candidates prior to that evening and went into this debate with no preconceived notions on the candidates.

After watching the three men debate for an hour, I'll offer a quick overview on what I think of each of them.

I'll start with the Republican frontrunner, Michael Sullivan.

Sullivan, a former U.S. Attorney, debated like he was in the lead, not making any controversial statements and dancing around certain issues to discuss topics he was more comfortable with.

When Dan Winslow went after Sullivan's views on certain issues, such as abortion and tax policy, Sullivan avoided giving any substantive answers and focused more on his experience and character.

Sullivan reminded me of a classic old-school Republican, and he has the type of conservative views that I don't think align with most Massa-



photo by Rob Donoghue

chusetts voters, and younger voters specifically.

Although Sullivan will probably end up winning the Republican primary based on name recognition, I can't see him faring well with moderate and independent voters in the general election – in other words, he stands no chance against Lynch or Markey.

Norfolk State Representative Dan Winslow was not afraid to trade jabs with Sullivan during the debate, and his moderate views seem to better fit the model of a traditional "New England Republican." (On a side note, I heard a few people after the debate saying that there are four Democrats and one Republican in the Senate race, referring to the moderate views of Winslow and Gabriel Gomez.)

Winslow gave the most specific responses of the three candidates when it came to answering questions, and he also seemed the most knowledgeable of the candidates.

Although I personally would choose Winslow out of the three Republican candidates, his very low name recognition (even moderator Jim Madigan accidentally called him Mr. Winthrop on a number of occasions) makes a victory over Sullivan unlikely.

Ex-Navy Seal and private equity investor Gabriel Gomez didn't seem like he belonged on the stage. He was essentially ignored by Winslow and Sullivan throughout the debate and he didn't really have much to say, other than that he's a political outsider with business expertise and conservative principles that will help turn the economy around.

As a young political outsider and son of Colombian immigrants, Gomez is a candidate that would look good on paper as the Republican nominee, but he appeared uncomfortable answering most questions and lacked overall knowledge on important issues.

It was interesting to watch the debate having such little knowledge on the three candidates, but I left City Stage seeing Dan Winslow as the best potential U.S. Senator out of the three men.

Does Winslow have any Scott Brown magic up his sleeves? I doubt it, and unfortunately for Winslow, he lacks Brown's good looks and personality.

Lynch and Markey will debate on April 18 in Springfield, and I'm sure their debate will be met with much more interest and publicity in the largely Democratic city.

# Competency and Conservatism:

## United States government not looking toward the future

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

President John F. Kennedy once said, "A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on." This quote has always been one of my favorites because it provides hope for humanity.

Throughout history the greatest of nations have fallen.

The boundaries have evaporated; the people that once thrived are long gone. Yet we remember them for their accomplishments. Great ideas survive the test of time.

Mortality sneaks up on those who do nothing to contribute to society.

It is the impact of a great idea that will live forever.

The United States is based on an idea called liberty; where a free people live together, work

together and improve society together. At this point in our history, I think it is important to reflect on what America has done.

Also we must strive towards the next great accomplishment. However, it is hard to feel confident about this country right now.

The government is bloated and its officers do not inspire confidence. It is hard to tell when the next great thought will become a reality.

President Obama's actions don't leave me feeling good about our future.

I may be a Republican, but I would follow him if he led on a truly American issue. It is not that he hasn't tried; my problem is his inability to get things done.

His recent "charm offensive" with Republican Congressional leaders is a marvelous

step in the right direction.

The President has shown he is impatient with Washington and does not enjoy the politics.

This is not the attitude I would expect out of someone who wanted to be president.

In recent weeks his effort has improved. However there are three branches of government and the legislature holds some of the blame.

The Washington expressway may have an eight lane highway, but main street is a two-way street.

The legislature should be trying to solve our nations problems. The House did nothing for the past term, except work to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Which, in case anyone was wondering, didn't work out, especially after the United States Supreme Court affirmed the constitutionality of the law.

Currently, the House is starting to debate the budget. But the Senate didn't pass one for over three years.

Thomas Jefferson and James Madison envisioned intellectual thought being heard from the Senate chambers.

Obviously, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's vitriolic personal attacks on the floor are inching us closer to the next great decade of American prosperity.

The United States Constitution is written with the intent of putting the emphasis of governing on the legislature.

I don't mean to be overdramatic or idealistic. However, the nature of our government is truly bothersome.

While the rest of the world is engaged in an erstwhile pursuit towards the future, The United States appears to be on cruise control.

The bureaucracy stifles innovation, wasting potential investment on causes that do not improve our situation. We continue on as good soldiers must, not questioning the status quo.

But is that really a good idea? I don't think so. And I don't think settling for an easy solution is worth losing the future by fearing the challenges of the present.

President Kennedy challenged Americans to not just do better, but to be better. I started with a quote and I'll end with a quote from the same individual.

In his inaugural address, Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Current leadership is lacking and it would be to our benefit to reflect on the words of John F. Kennedy.

## In Republican Senate debate, Gomez didn't step up

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

The Republican Primary Senate Debate held in Springfield, Massachusetts last week had three debaters: Dan Winslow (not Winthrop), Gabriel Gomez, and Mike Sullivan.

All three of them had a chance at opening and closing statements.

All three of them had a chance at a minute answer to all of Jim Madigan's questions and a chance at a thirty second rebuttal.

They even all had a chance to make a statement when the jabs started flying.

What they all didn't have a chance at is intelligent re-

sponses. Apparently, only Dan Winslow and Mike Sullivan had those chances.

My problem with Gabriel Gomez starts at the statement, "I'm not a career politician."

Here's the issue I have with that. You need to be a career politician to win a Senate race. To my recollection, there has not been anybody recently to have won a seat without being a career politician.

This is because the United States Senate is a dream seat for many of the politicians we have in the State House, in our Governor's office, and even in the United States House of Representatives.

Sure, anybody that meets the age and citizenship requirement can run for the seat, and it

would be a violation of the intention of our founding fathers for an unqualified candidate to be turned away.

They'll just get kicked out at the primary level.

A representative from the Gomez campaign wants to speak with the Westfield State Republican Club, most likely to recruit us to hold signs or call people or go door-to-door, much like the Scott Brown campaign.

When the idea of it was posed to us in our private Facebook group, I requested that the representative bring Gomez himself because they're not going to want to return to Gomez HQ with my statements.

My second problem with Gomez is that he didn't bring

any new ideas that we haven't heard plenty of times before. His litmus test for spending is creative and cute but other than that, I was not jumping out of my seat encouraging the people of Massachusetts to vote this guy in.

He also seems to take positions that wouldn't get him in trouble with anybody.

Of course we'd all like to see DOMA repealed, and we'd like for illegal immigrants to speak basic English, and we'd like for our seniors to have their Medicare in tact.

These positions aren't anything groundbreaking.

Both Winslow and Sullivan offered methods and solutions and even barked at each other when there was difference between those two. Gomez,

however, decided not to get into the mix.

He stated, "I'll let these two gentlemen sort out their positions between themselves, I know where I stand."

He essentially committed himself to being that awkward third wheel on a date with that girl you've been chasing for months.

How does he expect to stand up to the likes of Dianne Feinstein. Chuck Schumer, Harry Reid, and even our very own Elizabeth Warren if he doesn't stand up to the other two nobodies in a debate for a Senate seat that'll be up for re-election in 19 months?

The Gomez camp had either drop out and run for their local School Committee seat or start waking up.



# LYNDON SEITZ'S ALBUM REVIEWS



**How To Dress Well: Total Loss**

This is some beautiful stuff right here, music in the veins of Justin Timberlake and All-4-One.

This is pop music with an atmospheric quality, though, something a little more genuine than the above artists. The vocals soar above the simple beats and rarely leave you without your breath held.

My only criticism is that there isn't much variety in the tracks, although "Cold Nites," "How Many?" and "Struggle" stand out from the rest.

Check out these tracks before the rest of the album, which despite its occasional repetition is well worth the listen.



**The Blackwater Fever: In Stereo**

This is dirty rock (in sound, not lyrical content) with a slight country influence to it, and there's not much to this album more than that.

Every element that can be explored here is average from the guitar work to the vocals.

I was bored while listening to this album, and that's almost never the case with music for me.

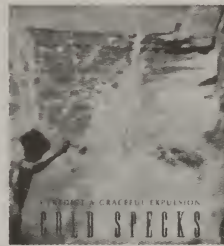
If it weren't for the fact that I wrote this review, in a few weeks' time, I will have forgotten the album existed.



**Lianne La Havas: Is Your Love Big Enough?**

This is soft R&B that is really worth listening closely to. Most of these songs are ballads or songs you would hear on an adult alternative station. "Lost & Found" is one of the more emotionally affecting ballads I've heard in a good while.

Most of the lyrics are simple yet still hard-hitting. Havas is not pulling any punches in her selection of subjects tossing about, despite the softness of the music. I highly recommend it for anyone that even occasionally listens to this sort of music.



**Cold Specks: I Predict A Graceful Expulsion**

There is a light acoustic blues-soul accompaniment to the vocals here, but the real focus is the vocals (as it should be).

There is a Janis Joplin tone to them, which works really well except for the fact that while listening, I could only think about Janis Joplin.

If you think you can get over this fact, then the album is well worth a listen.

Some of the best tracks include "Send Your Youth" and "Blank Maps," so start with them first if you aren't sure.



**Milow The Girl: 32,000 Feet Above**

There are many albums that I've listened to that I'm not particularly fond of, but there are few that I truly loathe. An overuse of auto tune, derivative production, and some of the most uncreative lyrics I've ever heard give this pop album a feeling that if this were the norm for music I'd be living in a dystopia (oh, wait a second... \$%#).

Being effectively a Lady Gaga imitation (primarily, there are other artists that would qualify), I'm pretty sure this album has no soul. Actually, scratch that, I'm absolutely certain that this album has no soul. I don't know why anyone would really want it.

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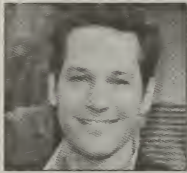
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# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Paul Rudd – Born April 6, 1969



Born to British parents in Passaic, New Jersey, Paul Rudd traveled frequently throughout his childhood. He called Kansas City, Missouri home for the majority of his youth, where his love for theatre was cultivated. Rudd attended the University of Kansas, finishing his first two years with high honors. His hard work earned him the Spencer Tracy scholarship to study at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles, California. His studies did not end there: Rudd later would attend Oxford University's British Drama Academy

for a three-month workshop, where he portrayed Hamlet under the direction of celebrated actor Ben Kingsley. His underwhelming film debut was a starring role in Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers, but his breakout role came in 1995's Clueless alongside Alicia Silverstone. After debuting on Broadway in 1997's The Last Night of Ballyhoo, Rudd returned to film with comedic roles in The Object of My Affection and Ben Affleck's 200 Cigarettes, but his comedy career did not take flight until teaming with Will Ferrell in 2004's Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy. Since this role, Rudd's claim to fame has been his comedic talent, starring in box-office hits like Knocked Up, Forgetting Sarah Marshall, I Love You, Man and Our Idiot Brother.

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## 'The Great Gatsby' published – April 10, 1925

F. Scott Fitzgerald's definitive novel, about fictional Roaring Twenties' playboy Jay Gatsby, was first published in 1925 to modest critical acclaim and fanfare. Preparation by Fitzgerald began in June 1922. The novel's setting was inspired by the Fitzgerald family's move to Great Neck, Long Island in October 1922. Fitzgerald's neighbors included wealthy residents who emigrated from New York City and were spitefully referred to as "new money" by the established families of Manhasset Neck and Cow Neck Peninsula who lived across the bay. In The Great Gatsby, narrator and protagonist Nick Carraway moves to

"West Egg" and meets his eccentric neighbor Gatsby, who throws lavish parties inviting the area's upper class, most of whom he never meets. Fitzgerald took time to write the novel, adamantly remarking it was a "consciously artistic achievement" to his awaiting editor who did not receive a final draft until November 1923. The novel's final revision was completed in February 1925. The Great Gatsby did not experience immediate commercial success, and it wasn't until the publication of Fitzgerald's biography, The Far Side of Paradise in 1951, that critics began praising the novel as a literary classic, eleven years after his death.

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## Howard Hughes – Died April 5, 1976



As heir to a successful oil tool business, Howard Hughes had the disposable income to fund his many grandiose film projects and love for aviation. Born December 24, 1905 in Houston, Texas, Hughes took over his family business at the ripe age of 18 in 1923. An avid fan of film, Hughes broke into Hollywood in 1930 with the World War I blockbuster Hell's Angels. This film was his first opportunity to incorporate another hobby: flying planes, which were featured in pricy aerial fight sequences. He also produced 1932's Scarface and 1941's The Outlaw, dating many Hollywood starlets in the process, including Katherine Hepburn, Ava Gardner and Ginger Rogers. As a test pilot for planes, Hughes set aerial speed records in the mid to late-30s and in-

vented the first retractable landing gear. A debilitating crash in 1946 sent Hughes on a downward spiral of introverted behavior. He bought a stake in RKO Pictures in 1948, yet stayed completely out of its affairs and never visited the studio. Hughes moved to Las Vegas in the 60's and retreated to the top floor suite of the Desert Inn, conducting his business there for most of his remaining years until his death. facts by biography.com

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## 'World of Jenks' takes inside look at three young people's lives

### Tyler Morissette Voice Reporter

In the world of debauchery and stupidity that is a majority of MTV's programming, there is a glimmer of hope in the documentary show "World of Jenks."

The show, now in its second season, is about young documenter Andrew Jenks as he follows for one year 3 young people who are going through things.

The three participants in the show are Chad 21 who has

autism, Kaylin who is an inspiring fashion designer who has just fought cancer, and D-Real an Oakland dancer who recently lost his brother to gang violence and was a part of that life before.

In each episode, viewers are able to go in depth with the characters, and see what their lives are all about.

Though at times Jenks gets too involved, it is no matter, the quality of the show, and the way that the show is able to edit and transition from character to character is done very well.

Watching Chad graduate from high school and seeing the struggles that he faces every day with his autism really puts things into perspective.

Alternatively, seeing D-Real deal with his PTSD over his brother's death and him wanting to change the violence in Oakland with his dance crew.

Equally as powerful is seeing Kaylin go to her doctor's appointment and fearing that a cat scan may say that her Cancer has returned.

Viewers root for these characters to succeed and reach



*photo by mtv.com*

their dreams. There are not any drunken hookups, gym, tan, or laundry in this show.

That last point is the one that is most crucial, that MTV allowed for a show on its air to stray away from what is common on its airwaves and show

personal stories that people can relate to is a nice step for the network.

I only hope that this is not a rare occurrence and that these types of programs remain a constant of the network to come for future seasons.



# Westfield baseball heats up as MASCAC play begins

**James Trubia**  
Voice Reporter

It seems that the Westfield State University baseball team has started to come around, as they improved their record to 8-8 (as of April 1) after a shaky start to the season.

The Owls faced a tough schedule after returning from their Florida trip and faced Division III nationally ranked Eastern Connecticut State in a doubleheader in Williamantic, Conn., on March 23.

After a 7-1 loss, Westfield found themselves in a battle, as it was tied 5-5 late in the second game.

Coach Ray Arra turned to small ball in the sixth inning as sophomores Mike Molta and Dan Rokitowski provided clutch bunts for the Owls to advance runner Tyler Adams, who had an infield single to start off the inning.

An intentional walk to senior slugger Andrew Medeiros loaded the bases, sending fel-

low captain Kevin Greene to the plate. He was able to draw the walk and Westfield took the late 6-5 lead.

With an inning to go, Arra turned to his ever-consistent closer Kevin Zyrkowski. Zyrkowski shut down the high-powered Warriors offense, picking up his first win of the season.

Greene led the offense in game two, going 2 for 3 and adding four RBIs.

Four days later, Westfield squad had their home opener against Elms College. It was an offensive outburst as the Owls had 10 extra base hits on their way to a 10-5 win.

There was no surprise that senior captains Greene and Medeiros led the offense with a combined seven hits and five RBIs.

Sophomore Pat McWilliams added an insurance run by hitting his first homerun at the college level.

Junior Mike Sullivan took the mound for Westfield, pitching a complete game in 165

pitches and earning his second victory of the season.

Westfield's tough schedule continued last Friday, March 29 as they started their MASCAC schedule against the preseason projected number one team, Bridgewater State. Pitching was dominant for the Owls as they allowed only one run in the doubleheader.

In game one Molta went the distance on the mound, allowing one earned run while striking out six.

McWilliams continued his hot hitting, going 4-4 while scoring three times for the Owls to help Westfield get the 8-1 win.

Game two was all about the pitching performance of sophomore Peter Cassidy. He also pitched a complete game, allowing only four hits and no runs while striking out one.

In his effort, Cassidy picked up his first win of the season in a 3-0 victory. Sophomore sensation McWilliams once again led the offense by going 2-3 in the win.



*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Senior captain Kevin Greene has been powering the Westfield offense so far this season.

Westfield State improved to .500 as they cruised to an 8-6 victory against UMass Boston on April 1.

Seven different Owls had hits for the club as they took a fast 8-0 lead to start the game. Also included in the winning effort were four sacrifice bunts.

Eight runs were more than enough for Zyrkowski, who moved from the bullpen into the starting role for this matchup, who pitched five strong innings

while allowing only two hits and no runs.

He improved to 2-0 with two saves on the season with an amazing 0.90 ERA. Freshman Pete Liimatainen looked sharp while he picked up his first career collegiate save.

This Saturday, April 6, the Owls will return to MASCAC play at home against Framingham State in a double-header with the first game starting at noon.

## Men's basketball team looking to build on historic season

**Joshua Levitan**  
Voice Reporter

When the men's basketball team at Westfield State University lost in the championship game of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament on their home court in February, one of the best seasons in school history ended on a somber note.

However, to dismiss Westfield's regular season assault on the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference based on their performance in their own post-season tournament and in the ECAC's would be foolish, as Westfield finished with a 23-6 overall record.

The Owls averaged 73.1 points per game, while their opponents struggled to attain an average of 65 points. Westfield picked teams apart with their precise passing and ball-handling skills by obtaining a 0.9 assist/turnover ratio.

With impeccable timing and the desire to out-hustle teams, the Owls, on average, outrebounded teams by grabbing almost 40 boards per game and also recording five blocks per game.

They featured three all-conference players in seniors Lee Vazquez and Matt Devine, and sophomore Grant Cooper, along with a bench full of talented role players.

"This was the best team I

have ever been a part of," said sophomore guard Carlo Buono. "We connected extremely well on and off the court, which made things flow so efficient and easy when we laced up to play."

Sophomore David Soto said, "It was an honor to be a part of this team. Playing beside all of our seniors and upperclassmen made this journey fun and also a learning experience as well."

Both players agreed that the 2011-12 season set the tone for this season. In other words, after a 16-13 record the season before, Westfield wanted to continue working hard and proceed further into the tournament.

Senior captain Ryan "Big

Dog" White said, "Last year's accomplishments really fueled the fire for us wanting to surpass them. We had the best defensive team in the division last year. On average opposing teams shot below 40% against us."

"We also lead the entire Division III, ranked number one in the nation, in blocked shots per game. This created a sense of hunger in us and we wanted to continue right where we left off."

Unfortunately, Westfield's picture-perfect season came crumbling to an end when they lost to the offensively equipped arsenal of Eastern Connecticut State University in the ECAC championship game.

"This was one of the sad-

dest moments I've ever experienced as a coach," said assistant coach and athletic trainer Plasio Santos. There were so many emotions flaring after the game. Even though we lost in an epic battle, this season in particular will always be one to remember."

Spring has arrived and all of Division III basketball is put to rest for the time being. However, the team is in the gym on a daily basis working on their game.

The team has brought in at least seven recruits since the season ended. Even though the senior group from this past season is almost irreplaceable, the Owls need to be ready for a tough journey right from the jump.

## Westfield softball splits doubleheader

### WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State University and Bridgewater State University split a softball doubleheader in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference opening-week action on Friday, March 29.

In the first game, Kelsey Carpenter rapped an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Owls a 3-2 victory. Bridgewater posted a 6-0 triumph in the second game.

The first game had plenty of dramatics as Bridgewater tied the score at 2-2 with two outs in the top of the seventh inning when cleanup batter Jessica Laudati lined a two-run homer on an 0-1 pitch to straightaway center field.

Despite the stunning circuit shot, Westfield regrouped to score the winning run in its final at bat. Amanda Flower led off with a single thru the right side and was sacrificed to second base by Emilie Manna, who reached safely on an error at first base.

Manna was retired at second on Celina Sinico's fielder's choice grounder to

place runners at first and third with one out. Carpenter then delivered her game-winning hit with the count full, slapping a single past the second baseman.

Kelley Fluet picked up the big pitching victory for

Welch was 3 for 4 for the Bears and Courtney Gregoire was 2 for 4 with a double.

In the nightcap, Amber White hurled a five-hit shutout with no walks and six strikeouts.

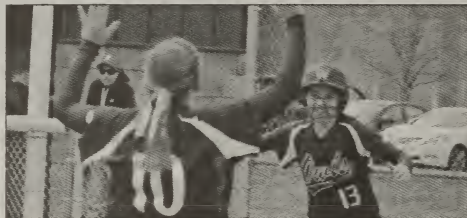


photo by Mickey Curtis

Amanda Flower (13) gets ready to high five Courtney Begin after scoring the game-winning run.

Westfield. The sophomore rightly scattered 11 hits, walked three and struck out five.

Losing pitcher Meghan Dunn allowed nine hits and fanned five.

Carpenter was 2 for 4 with two RBI, including an infield RBI single in the first inning. Leadoff batter Courtney Begin was 2 for 4. The Owls scored an unearned run in the second inning on two hits and two errors.

Designated hitter Jill

The Bears scored an unearned run in the second inning and took a 2-0 lead on Laudati's fifth-inning sacrifice fly. The visitors tacked on two runs in the sixth and scored twice in the seventh on back-to-back homers by Welch and Gregoire.

Welch also pounded a double and scored two runs. She finished the day with five hits in eight at bats.

Sinico collected two of Westfield's five hits.



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## Women's lacrosse wins

### WSU Athletic Department

The Westfield State University women's lacrosse team rolled to a 16-8 victory over Salem State University in its MASCAC opener on Saturday, March 30.

The loss drops Salem State's record to 1-4; 0-1 in conference play. The Owls now stand at 4-2; 1-0 in conference play.

The Owls jumped out early to an early 2-0 lead behind goals from Maura Stack and Amanda Bouchard.

Salem evened the score at 2-2 as Kelsey Russell and Bridget Dulleau both scored unassisted.

Westfield rattled off five unanswered goals with two more coming from Stack to

dominate the play in the first half. Russell scored another goal in the half but Westfield maintained a 10-3 lead.

The second half continued in Westfield's favor as the Owls increased their lead to 10 on a goal from freshman Sam Lungarini to lead 16-6.

Dulleau led Salem State with three goals and an assist and senior Lauren DeLuca and Russell added two goals apiece.

Stack scored a game-high four goals while Bouchard added three goals and two assists.

Westfield freshman goalie Mimi Khampaeng made 11 saves in net for the visitors. Freshman goalie Alex Varoutsos made 12 saves in net for Salem.

Westfield plays Fitchburg State at home on Saturday, April 6th.

## Old vs. New: The dilemma that faces the WWE as Wrestlemania approaches

### Tyler Morissette Voice Reporter

The WWE is heading toward Wrestlemania, the Super Bowl of wrestling, on April 7 in East Rutherford, N.J. Fans all over the world are excited for the return of their favorites to step inside the square ring and face off.

While all these fan favorites are returning, like Triple H, Brock Lesnar, The Undertaker and The Rock, they are only back for this one pay-per-view event, and are really only part time wrestlers.

While this influx of big names and excitement is high right now, there is going to be a big drop off the week after Wrestlemania is over, and you won't see those names at the next Raw.

Thus, it puts more pressure on the other guys in the locker room to carry the load and try to entertain fans who are not going to just watch the big show, but watch it all year long.

It is similar to an old-timer at a job coming back for a big sale and everyone congratulating him or her and thinking that they are really helping the

company, but in reality it is the guy or girl who is working their butt off 40 or more hours a week who is most important to the company.

Where is their credit? They are the people who do not receive all the accolades from the people on the outside.

This is similar to the WWE, where you have hard working entertainers like Dolph Ziggler, Daniel Bryan and CM Punk who are always putting on amazing matches but are not going to get the same push that guys like Cena and Triple H are going to get.

We, as fans, always try to

emulate the past, and say that the past was better. But we never get over the fact that the past is the past, and that the present is what is in front of us.

The WWE is not in the era of Stone Cold, Mick Foley and DX. The drinking, swearing and blood are gone, and now we have feuds about hugging, a dancing big man and other childish things.

The old versus new battle is not only with the wrestlers, it is with the fans as well.

So regardless of whether anyone still watches wrestling, just realize that the true performers are the ones who work

very hard to put on amazing matches for us fans every single night, and are not just part time wrestlers who are past their prime and don't care about the business the same way that they did before.

Watch the guys like The Shield, Antonio Caesar and Wade Barrett, who may not get the same attention as others on the big show, but are the future of the business.

It is a new time in professional wrestling, one in which the new is overtaking the old, and a time that we must accept and embrace with changes that aren't going away.

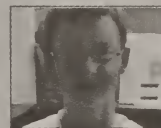


# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

*By: Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



In Stephen Strasburg's highly awaited 2010 rookie season, Washington Nationals fans witnessed a glimpse of the greatness bestowed upon the young phenom before he entered the big leagues.

After only a handful of starts at the professional level, the city of Washington knew the kid out of San Diego was the real deal and fans were ready to raise a statue in his name outside of Nationals Park.

With great excitement throughout his rookie campaign came the injury in the second half of the season nobody had foreseen.

In July 2010, the most highly ranked prospect in modern day baseball was placed on the disabled list with an inflamed right shoulder. The

hits kept coming for the Nats following an attempted comeback in August which led to the discovery of a torn ulnar collateral ligament. Strasburg had no choice but to receive the potentially career-killing Tommy John surgery.

The narrative that followed this injury was in unison with the horrible misfortune this franchise has never seemed to shake since it was previously located in Montreal as the Expos.

Fast-forwarding to 2012, with the help of Bryce Harper, signings like Jayson Werth and a young starting rotation, the Washington Nationals, of all teams, found themselves in a fight for the NL East pennant.

The rehabilitation timetable for Tommy John surgery

warrants 12 to 18 months to make the most productive recovery as possible. Manager Davey Johnson made the tough and highly criticized call to limit Strasburg to a 160-inning limit for the 162-game schedule.

The 2013 Nationals come into this fresh season off an unpredictable NLDS run, losing in five games to the defending World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Washington comes off a productive spring camp in Florida with expectations of a World Series appearance based on their retained core, including the no inning limit phenomenon Stephen Strasburg coming back to the second slot in the rotation.

Gio Gonzalez has earned

the role as the ace coming off 2012 when he hit his stride with a record of 21-8, accumulating an ERA of 2.89, 1.13 WHIP and an impressive WAR of 4.5. Gonzalez led the staff last October as the Nationals found their way back to the playoffs for the first time in history since they were called the Expos in 1981 and led by Andre Dawson.

I have never been one to put too much stock in the results of spring league baseball, but I do value pitchers tending to their mechanics and making strides toward April baseball. Strasburg has been having no trouble hitting 95 with his fastball, at times reaching 97-98 MPH.

Traditionally, Strasburg, like Justin Verlander, is known

for gaining velocity as the game wears on. His off-speed changeup has been a staple of his routine, ranging from 88-92, speeds that most starting pitchers tally throughout a given start.

Strasburg has placed extra emphasis on his curveball this spring, with a break of about a five-inch sink. As long as Strasburg maintains a noticeable difference between his sinker and fastball, I see more of the same dominant pitching coming from the 6-foot-4, 24-year-old.

With a strong back end of the bullpen to accompany strong starting pitching, barring sustained injuries, I find it hard to believe the Nationals will be absent from this year's playoffs.

## Injury reminds us that NCAA athletes are 'a lot like us'

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

It was a simple basketball play. Nothing about it would cause you to think a gruesome scene was about to unfold.

Kevin Ware of Louisville jumped up to defend a three-point attempt by Duke guard Tyler Thornton in the first half of Sunday's Midwest Regional final game. When Ware came back down, his leg bent in a way no leg should, almost at a 90-degree angle.

Players from both sides quickly recoiled in horror at the sight of the compound fracture.

Sophomore Chane Behanan, Ware's best friend on the team, was stricken with grief near the foul line. Junior Russ Smith was visibly emotional.

Tears were flowing from fans in attendance and from the

head coaches of both teams.

CBS announcers Jim Nantz and Clark Kellogg sat in a stunned silence, unsure of what to say to the viewing audience.

It was a moment that served as a perfect reminder that college basketball is just a game.

We often get caught up in the excitement of picking our brackets and we get angry when a team or a player doesn't play the way we need them to in order for us to have success in our office pool.

We may also find ourselves directing our anger at a player who sits out with an injury that we think they should play through.

People will take to Twitter and actually take the time to tweet their frustration at the student-athlete who they feel let them down.

Keep in mind, these players aren't professional athletes. The large majority of them will go on to careers in a field other than basketball.

When it comes to our beloved sports though, we expect wins and championships, and we never stop to think about the athlete and the fact that they are more than what we see on television.

We forget that these players have feelings.

We forget that while they are a source of entertainment, they are playing basketball because they love the game.

For some of them, it's the only thing that allows them to go to school and stay off the streets.

We forget that they are a lot like us.

They aren't millionaires living lavish lifestyles. If you take away the national televi-



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Kevin Ware suffered a devastating injury in the first half of the Duke-Louisville game on Sunday. Louisville won 85-63 despite Ware's injury.

sion cameras, most of them are just your Average Joe, with friends and families.

What it comes down to is these players are kids, not in-

vincible entertainers.

A scene like the one that unfolded on Sunday afternoon serves as a reminder to that fact.



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**Aries****(March 21 - April 20)**

Wipe the dirt off your shoulder and stand proud among your ancestors. You do have some ancestors of note somewhere, right? Otherwise this might not apply to you.

**Taurus****(April 21 - May 21)**

All around the world, there are people just like you who are wondering just what they are doing with their lives. Take solace in your numbers. It does nothing to improve your situation, but you will feel better about yourself because you are likely that unsure of yourself.

**Gemini****(May 22 - June 21)**

This week you will be doing do so well the sky will be shouting for an encore. Who are you to deny them? Give them your victory lap in life. This is your moment, take full advantage of it.

**Cancer****(June 22 - July 22)**

This might be yet another sad week for you, worthy of its own song. Cry if you must, but don't do it in public. They probably won't like that and will just kick sand in your face or something. Hang in there.

**Leo****(July 23 - August 23)**

You're thinking too small. Try to think of yourself as someone larger than you are right now. You will realize that this is the person you need to start being. You need to have an empire state of mind instead.

**Virgo****(August 24 - September 22)**

You will want to consider diversifying your portfolio, because then when you have that greater financial security you will have ninety-nine problems but a foreclosure won't be one of them.

**Libra****(September 23 - October 22)**

Takeover the different forces in your life and put reins on them. Then drive those forces until they can't go any further. Then sell those forces to a glue factory and takeover some new forces.

**Scorpio****(October 23 - November 21)**

Anything you wish to become you can be, just remember that you can't necessarily do anything you want to do. Apparently society frowns upon certain actions taken by people.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 - December 21)**

There is a great problem with the game, so therefore you need to try and change the game in order to get ahead. The game is long and hard, but it can be so fun and so wonderful (the game is life, if you haven't figured this out yet).

**Capricorn****(December 21 - January 20)**

If a man runs up to you and magically whisks you off onto a desert island, saying "welcome to the jungle" you should... Well, actually the stars would have no idea what to say to that.

**Aquarius****(January 21 - February 19)**

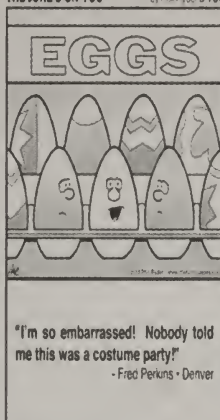
This week you will be feeling it. What it is will be something that you have to decide. The stars cannot determine what a person's it is that they feel. That would be completely ludicrous, and the stars, dear reader, are never ludicrous. They are only honest.

**Pisces****(Feb. 20 - March 20)**

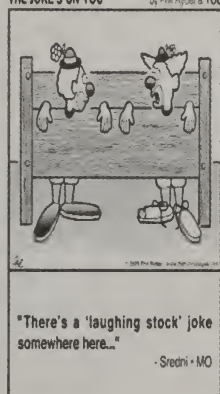
A Lucifer-type figure might try and worm their way into your life. Ignore them, and bake cakes instead.

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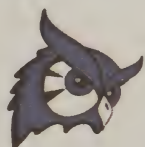
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# The Westfield Voice

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## University Hall construction nearly complete

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

The big brick behemoth being constructed next to the Ely Library/Campus Center and Lammers Hall is quickly nearing its completion.

Students and school officials have been taking tours of the building since the beginning of the month. With housing sign-ups in process, many students are putting in for a spot in University Hall.

Brady Kerr, president of the Residence Hall Association, said he is excited about the project.

"University Hall is a magnificent step towards the future of residence hall living," said Kerr.

The project costs \$50 million, which was provided by the Commonwealth through a grant that was set to expire if it was not used.

The building, which has a modern look to it, has some amenities not found in other halls.

The central air system on the ceiling in all suites, which allows for the room to be cooled or heated without objects preventing its operation.

All suites have a full refrigerator and microwave; however, they do not have a stovetop

or oven. All residents will be required to purchase a meal plan through Sodexo.

The windowsills in the suites are specially designed so that students can sit on them and read a book, work on homework, or stare out the window at the campus green.

The hall will also house the office of the Residence Hall Association, something that Kerr said he appreciates wholeheartedly.

"Having a central location for our organization will effectively help us to focus our efforts into building a better community at Westfield," Kerr said.

"We look forward to using the newly allocated area, which is primarily for department initiatives and Hall Council/RHA events," he said. "The opportunities to utilize this building will surely benefit the student body as a whole."

There are kitchens on each floor, which resemble the kitchens of Lammers Hall, with a full refrigerator, microwave, cooktop, and oven.

There is a larger kitchen area on the first floor, with smaller kitchens within common areas on each floor.

The heating and cooling system within the building is notable as well. The air conditioning unit is extremely ef-

ficient with the heating system being more so.

Using PVC pipe, the heating system is rated at a 98% efficiency that allows the building to save energy.

There is also a lot of thought going into the planning of the outside of the building.

There is a hearth planned for the outside, near a sidewalk that will be placed underneath the overhanging part of the building starting at Ely Road and ending where the sidewalk in front of Ely begins.

There is a bicycle rack and a seating area that will be placed outside. Ely Road has been repaved, while the sidewalks surrounding the building and the parking lot behind Lammers are to be done during the summer.

Students who have gone on the tour led by Dr. Jon Conlogue, Executive Director of Residential Services and Campus Life, saw suites that had

furniture placed inside as a reference of what they'd look like in the fall.

After the walk-through, students could tell that the suites inside the building are spacious and tastefully designed.

The six-person suites are quite large with the majority containing three doubles. Some of the six-person suites have two doors within the hallway, leaving the option open for one of the rooms to be open for special medical accommodations.

The six-person suites have one-and-a-half bathrooms with the sinks placed in the hallway.

There have been some that wished it offered more, however.

Sophomore Monique Hudon said, "A lot of people would want to have their own stoves. Some of my friends are living there next year and they have this nice, big fridge but no stove to cook."

While there are kitchens on each floor in the common areas, this is a shared complaint among students.

Senior Rachel Anane said that she had wished it included more singles within each suite.

"I think each room in a suite should have its own bathroom," she said.

She cited the experience she had at other schools where each room in a suite would have its own bathroom, a full sized bed, with drawers underneath the bed.

University Hall is certainly expected to be one of the many jewels of Westfield State University with the students and faculty graciously awaiting its grand opening in September.

"If Westfield were to ever be considered a 'shining city upon a hill' and was rated solely on architectural excellence, University Hall will surely light the way," said Kerr.

**Graduating Seniors:**  
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# Quick Hits

## Friday, April 12

5:00p.m.

Lifetime Owls Casino  
Night  
Scanlon Banquet Hall

7:00p.m.

Cabaret - Musical  
Dever Stage

8:00p.m.

Movie: Wreck-It Ralph  
The Nest

## Saturday, April 13

2:00 & 7:30p.m.

Cabaret - Musical  
Dever Stage

8:00p.m.

Movie: Wreck-It Ralph  
The Nest

## Sunday, April 14

8:00p.m.

Movie: Wreck-It Ralph  
The Nest

# Weekly update from Student Government

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

Last Tuesday night, SGA had Steven Mailloux, the SGA representative for the Residence Hall Association, come to speak about a community service project that the RHA is doing to clean up Stanley Park. For more

information, contact Mailloux. Signature papers to get into the Student Government election are due to the SGA room by 4 p.m. on Friday April, 12.

Wednesday, April 16 at 9 a.m. until April 17th at 11 p.m. is voting for the Student Government positions. Voting will take place on Collegiate Link through myWestfield. There will

also be voting stations in Ely by Dunkin Donuts, the main floor of Ely, the Commuter Café, and the Dining Commons.

Michelle Hanney, VP of Programming, spoke about Spring Weekend. Tickets for the concert are on sale at the Campus Service Window in Ely.

For more questions, contact Hanney at vpprogram-

ming@westfield.ma.edu or feel free to stop by a Campus Activities Board meeting, every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

The Student Government's next meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 5:30 in the SGA room located in the garden level of Ely, next to Dunkin Donuts. All meetings are open to the public.

## Spring Weekend 2013 Schedule

Day/Date	Event Schedule	Location
<b>Friday, April 19</b>		
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Themed Dinner	Dining Commons
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Raise the Roof Civic Engagement Project	Dever Stage
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Drew Thomas <i>Comedian</i>	Scanlon Banquet Hall
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Brown Bag Bingo	Scanlon Banquet Hall
11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Late Night Pancakes	Scanlon Banquet Hall
<b>Saturday, April 20</b>		
8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Brunch	Dining Commons
12:00 pm	Doors Open for Concert	Woodward Center
	Concert with TIMEFLIES and Jake Miller	
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Novelties and DJ	Campus Green **
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Barbecue Dinner	Campus Green*
9:00 pm - 1:00 am	WSKB Dance Party	Scanlon Banquet Hall
11:00 pm - 2:00 am	Sodexho sponsored Food Truck***	Campus Green
<b>Sunday, April 21</b>		
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	WSU Rugged Owls (Tough Mudder) <i>Advanced Registration Required</i>	Juniper Parking Lot

**Rain sites: \* = Dining Commons, \*\* = Ely Garden Level Lobby**  
**\*\*\* Sodexho will sell food offered at the Food Truck - prices vary**  
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The Westfield Voice will print "letters to the editors" if the authors so please and can be either anonymous or can include your name (you must note that you do not want your name listed otherwise it will

be printed with your name).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



# Spring Weekend Information

This year Spring Weekend will take place on campus Friday-Sunday, April 19-21. The Westfield State University Campus Activities Board will be presenting a concert and other activities primarily for the benefit of students and their guests but all members of the University community are welcome to attend at no cost except for the Saturday concert in the Woodward Center (a \$10.00 concert ticket may be purchased on-line through MeerKat Technology, Inc. A link will be provided through a separate email) and where food and beverage charges are appropriate.

Westfield State University Policy shall be enforced during Spring Weekend same as any other day on campus. Persons exhibiting disorderliness, intoxication, or any conduct in violation of University Policy may be immediately removed from any event and are subject to immediate removal from campus, protective custody, arrest and other appropriate University and legal action. All student conduct proscriptions, limitations and guidelines, shall be strictly enforced as articulated in the current Westfield State University Student Handbook.

## Event Attendance

Spring Weekend events are solely intended for members of the University community and their invited guests; therefore, Spring Weekend events are not open to the public. Furthermore, while there is no charge for admission to events with the exception of meals and the concert on Saturday, April 20 at the Woodward Center, attendance at all indoor and outdoor venues will be monitored and controlled to ensure safety and order. University faculty/staff and student attendees are expected to present a valid Westfield State University ID upon request of officials.

## Guests

Students are welcome to have one non-WSU Spring Weekend guest who is registered in advance. Guest registration takes place from Monday, April 8 – Wednesday, April 17 at the Ely Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours. Student hosts must register their guest in ad-

vance in order to receive an authorized Spring Weekend guest wristband. There is a \$15.00 nonrefundable registration fee for all Spring Weekend guests.

## Concert Tickets

Tickets for the Spring Weekend Concert on Saturday, April 20, 2013 will be \$10.00 per ticket for students and \$10.00 per ticket for a registered Spring Weekend guest (if applicable). Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, April 7 at 12:00 pm through MeerKat Technology. A printed confirmation must be brought to the Campus Center Service Window during posted business hours to redeem your concert ticket/tickets.

## Legal Beverages

Alcoholic beverage containers including but not limited to individual containers, kegs and coolers are prohibited in public areas of the campus including all buildings, grounds, parking lots, walkways, courtyards, and roadways. Alcoholic beverages shall not be transported to or from any program area on campus. Open containers, bags and carrying items are subject to inspection upon entrance to all events and/or residence halls.

## Meals

Guest swipes will be allowed for students and for a registered Spring Weekend guest for dinner on Friday, April 19 as well as brunch and the Barbecue on Saturday, April 20. Students not on a meal plan and all Spring Weekend guests also have the option to purchase meals at the Dining Commons for dinner on Friday, April 19 as well as brunch and the Barbecue on Saturday, April 20.

## Motor Vehicles

The following special regulations are in effect relative to motor vehicles: Guest vehicles may occupy faculty/staff or visitor parking spaces, however, student vehicle use of faculty/staff or visitor parking space is prohibited at all times. Overnight occupancy in motor vehicles is prohibited on campus.

## Residence Halls

These policies are in effect from 12 p.m. on Friday, April 19 to 12 p.m. on Sunday, April 21: Only current WSU students and registered Spring Weekend guests may visit residence halls on campus during this time period. Residents are expected to present their validated WSU ID when entering a residence hall. Guests of residents on campus April 19-21 must be at least 18 years of age and must be signed-in by a resident of the residence hall to enter that hall.

## Woodward Concert

Students and registered guests attending the Saturday concert at the Woodward Center are directed to park at the Commuter Parking Lot. A valid WSU ID or Spring Weekend guest wristband and a purchased concert ticket are required to enter the concert area at the Woodward Center. A concert ticket may be purchased for \$10.00 on-line from Sunday, April 7 – Wednesday, April 17 through MeerKat Technology, Inc. Ticket sales are final – no refunds will be issued. Food, beverages, beverage containers and any type of bag/backpacks are not permitted inside the Saturday concert area at the Woodward Center.

# Coffey Break with Eric Hiller

by Kylie Coffey



Hometown: East Longmeadow, MA  
Major: Business Marketing

1. What is your favorite thing about long weekends?

It gives you an extra day to do homework and an extra day for leisure.

2. Where do you see yourself in five years?

As my own self-employed real estate agent or working for a Fortune 500 company.

3. What's your favorite snackeroo?

Reeses Peanut-Butter Cups.

4. What is your favorite activity now that it is nice outside?

Kan-Jam.

5. Who is your best friend on Snapchat?

A couple people I shouldn't say.

6. What are the perks of living off campus?

The access to more freedom and the ability to have social outings.

7. Define yourself in three words.

THE Dirtiest Dog.

*If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

# Tony Award-nominated actress comes to Westfield State

**Harold Hill**  
Voice Reporter

Alison Fraser is a two-time Tony Award nominee for her roles in *The Secret Garden* and *Romance/Romance*. She has appeared in numerous Broadway and Off-Broadway productions such as *March of the Falsettos*, *Tartuffe: Born Again*, *The Divine Sister*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and the recent revival of *Gypsy*, starring Patti LuPone.

Her television/film/voice-over work includes *The Thing About My Folks*, *Law and Order: SVU*, *Between The Lions*, *Third Watch*, *Grand Theft Auto: IV* and *V*, and NBC's *SMASH*.

For the past three years, she has been an adjunct professor of musical theatre at Fordham University. For more information about Alison Fraser, please visit [alisonfraser.com](http://alisonfraser.com)

Harold Hill: So, what brings you to Westfield State University?

Alison Fraser: Well, my talented young friend Barrett Tamaren-Leddy invited me to teach a workshop to his classmates in the Musical Theatre Guild. The powers that be were consulted, and boom, here I come.

HH: What will the focus of this workshop be?

AF: The focus of this workshop will be performing songs with the emphasis on acting. I call my class at Fordham, "Song As Scene," because songs performed, especially out of the context of a show, have to be complete scenes standing on their own with a clear narrative arc.

HH: What traits do you admire in a musical theatre performer?

AF: Authenticity, simplicity, originality, and excellent preparation.



photo by wikipedia

Alison Fraser will be in Bates 117 at 3:15 p.m. on April 15.

HH: What is a common mistake made by aspiring musical theatre performers?

AF: There's a lot of riffing happening out there that really shouldn't be happening. Choose good material and trust that it doesn't need augmentation.

HH: Who, in your opinion, are some of the underrated, unsung heroes of musical theatre who deserve far more recognition than they have received?

AF: Tom Hewitt, Howard McGillin, Theresa McCarthy, and if we are going back in time a little, Anthony Newley of course!

HH: Daniel Craig and Sean Connery - both in their prime - get into a physical altercation. Who wins?

AF: Well, Daniel doesn't hit his wife, so he gets my vote. And come on, just look at those shoulders. Yeah. Daniel.

HH: Are there any musical theatre songs that you are absolutely sick of hearing....being sung by Russell Crowe?

AF: Aww, poor Russell got pretty beat up by all that Les Mis claptrap last year. He should really be annoyed with his manager. So, we will lay off

him until he decides to do a remake of *The Music Man*.

HH: What projects are you currently working on?

AF: I am doing an Off-Broadway show called *Love Therapy*, and I have a recurring role in a pretty terrific web series called *It Could Be Worse*, playing a heinous star, Veronica Bailey. I am also in a one-woman show called *The Tennessee Williams Songbook* that has bookings around the country periodically.

HH: Are there any tips you would like to pass on to students currently pursuing careers in the performing arts?

AF: Prepare, research, and have fun. If you really, really want to pursue this as a career, don't let discouragement get in your way. Your individuality is your most valuable asset.

"Song as Scene" will be presented on Monday, April 15 at 3:15 p.m. in Bates 117. It will feature a collection of pieces produced during a three-hour workshop in which students were coached on the presentation of musical material, with an emphasis on vocal technique combined with exploration of text.

## Editor's Desk



Get well soon, Professor Wefing!  
We miss you!

A lot of people have told me that the countdown in my last editor's desk was funny. Funny?! I was going for something like...crazy! I literally cannot think of another word to describe how quickly graduation is coming.

I'm also giving my honor's thesis project presentation way too soon. I have my paper done, don't get me wrong there, (I'm not that much of a procrastinator!) I'm just not looking forward to the whole Q&A thing. Not a fan!

Anyway, a lot of people have been out sick this week. I hope everyone feels better soon. Because we don't want any sick folks on graduation day ;)

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--> That email will be irrelevant soon! Eek!

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# Parking wars on campus

**Mackenzie Luppold**  
Voice Reporter

The amount of tickets given out on our campus due to lack of convenient parking is a big issue among all commuters.

In the month of February alone, campus police ticketed over 1,100 cars.

At \$15 a ticket that's almost \$16,000 coming in per month.

The money collected from these \$15 tickets in a single month adds up to more than enough money to pay a student's tuition.

Regardless of these facts, Lt. Bernie St. George will still tell you that there is no parking problem on campus.

"It's [a] convenience problem, not a parking problem," said St. George. "We do what we can to help by having two South Lot shuttles running from 3a.m. to 3p.m."

The institution has had professionals come in to observe future parking possibilities and it has been declared that there are more than enough spots on this campus for every-

one to park.

When asked if he ever felt bad about giving tickets out he said, "We are not heartless robots; it's more of a deterrent than a money making scheme. The money from the tickets goes into the general fund for the institution or the state, not into anyone's pocket."

Marissa Crandell, a junior here at WSU paid the \$100 fee for a commuter sticker, which allows her to park in the Commuter Parking Lot. Crandell, like many other students who pay to park in this lot, struggles when finding spots.

She said, "It's very frustrating when I have to be late to class when I have paid an extensive amount of money to be able to park here."

The lack of spots in Commuter Lot causes distressed students to park in spots that put them in violation, resulting in fines.

This seems to be a big problem on campus, especially where there are no plans to create more convenient lots.

One thing that students need to understand, aside from their frustration, is that the campus police are not the bad guys.

Without them, there would be even more trouble.

"It is just our job," said Lt. St. George.

The people who pay to park in the Commuter Lot have a right to be there and if the police did not monitor the lot, students who have not paid for a commuter sticker would be parking there, taking up the already limited spots.

Shuttle driver Abbey Lemanski hears a lot of frustration from students who come on her shuttle from South Lot.

"A piece of advice that I would give to commuters would be to get to school exactly 15 minutes before their class. There are 15 minute breaks between classes, so if you can get to school right as the class before is getting out, people will be leaving, making spots available," says Lemanski.

There may be a day when the campus will develop a plan to create more convenient parking so that students do not have to walk all the way from South Lot.

Until then, students should take the advice of Lemanski and arrive exactly 15 minutes before their class.

## Editor's Desk



I can't believe I forgot to mention how Samantha and I bought Maroon 5 tickets in last week's Editors Desk! I'm surprised at myself...

Ah well, back to business. I must say I came up with some clever headlines this week. I'm not sure how my News Editing professor will like them (Ahem, Professor Wefing!)

I'm referring to the HPV one on Page 7 and the global warming one on Page 8. I really didn't mean to be pun-ny on the second one, it just sort of happened. But there it is. Headline writing is so important and I think I'm finally learning how to do it exactly right (And again, a shout out to Professor Wefing!)

Short and sweet this week. Thanks everyone!

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# Alcohol misconception: Is college all about drinking?

**Thomas Baeta**  
Voice Reporter

The idea that college students drink more than most other people do may just be a popular misconception of the true nature of a college student.

Most people come to school expecting college to be one big party and to unleash their wild party side. While a some people actually experience that side of college, most students actually retain an academically focused lifestyle

while at school, according to results from a survey of students.

In 2007, a campus-wide survey of 700 students was created by Westfield State administration to ask students how many drinks a week on average they consume.

Most students said in the survey they typically have five or fewer drinks a week.

"If you asked me on average how many drinks a student had a week here I would have to say somewhere near 25," said Kris, a junior at WSU. "I honestly had no idea it would be that low, from what I expect

people to be drinking to hear a number like that is crazy."

Not all people are as shocked as Kris however.

"Close to 99% of people overestimate how much their peers are actually consuming on a weekly basis," said Brian Cahillane, Westfield State alcohol and substance abuse counselor. He said, "Sophomores tend to have the most drinks per week, with a steep drop off from sophomore to junior year."

Another 21.7% of students don't actually drink at all and prefer not to.

When non-drinking stu-

dent Jeff was asked about how he felt about the numbers and the fact that most students were only drinking five or fewer drinks a week, he said, "I'm not really surprised that the numbers are that low; there are a lot of people here that don't drink and I think its actually a small portion of the people here that are really drinking a lot."

Cahillane said that sophomore students, after getting accustomed to college life, tend to drink the most because that is when students finally get comfortable and learn the ins-and-outs of how to heavily drink.

The steep drop off represented between that year and junior year can be attributed to students getting serious about internships and work since junior year is widely considered a very important year academically.

Finally senior year students are all 21 and the allure of always going out and getting intoxicated has worn off a little bit and it's not as important.

The fact that the majority of students do not drink in excess goes against what usually comes to mind when people think of college.

It's better to be safe than lose someone precious. Awareness is the first step to coping with depression.



# Residence Hall living: More costly than it seems?

**Robert Barbarisi**  
Voice Reporter

The carelessness of other students is slowly making your college bill higher.

Every year, millions of students invest a lot of money in receiving a higher education from a university, and they expect a pleasant campus experience from the money they're putting in.

For some, that initial investment becomes unnecessarily interrupted by the careless nature of other students who don't make smart decisions, and said decisions affect the living conditions of other students who value safe campus life.

College is a place where people from all over America go to further their education, commonly after high school. For high school graduates,

college is an opportunity to live on their own and further their education.

Westfield students pay approximately \$2,500 dollars per semester for a good college living experience in their residence hall rooms, yet there are horror stories about living in a residence hall room, particularly involving other students.

As a result, the destruction of the living area causes a high amount of building charges made by the university.

As a result, the charge gets diffused to each resident, so every student, in a small way, has to pay for that charge whether or not they were responsible.

One of the larger issues from a year ago was the high amount of charges made to the buildings, primarily due to vandalism and lack of respect to policy.

There were several occasions where people would come home from parties and throw trash everywhere in the bathrooms, ripping down the signs on walls, and leaving the restrooms in the least ideal of sanitary conditions.

Careless actions like these left enormous building charges to the residents of the hall, often leaving people who did no wrong to pay for other people's reckless mistakes.

"Over all, I feel it's unfair to charge everyone [for an act of vandalism] but if they can't catch the person who did it, then it's all they can do," said Tyler Light, a first year here on campus.

"We walk the length of every floor in the building and inspect every bathroom [for damage], and one morning, I found every piece of furniture [in the lobby] had been flipped over and urinated on. I don't

know how much that costs in terms of damages, but I'd imagine that this was alcohol related," said Will Sinclair, a Scanlon Hall RA.

The real problem here is that students have to deal with all of this unnecessary destruction to their living space, especially when they pay an absurd amount of money just to stay on campus. However, there are places to live on campus that certainly aren't as wild as some.

Depending on where you live on campus, there will be a more mild living experience with fewer charges.

Last year, students in the freshman residence halls paid approximately \$4,000 divided amongst each of the approximately 400 students, forcing each resident to pay around \$10 dollars, on top of the already high housing bill.

Some residence halls are

better than others in terms of how that population behaves, such as Lammers Hall.

"Compared to [other residence halls] its really mellow here. People who do misbehave don't get caught," said Ian Rush, Lammers RA. "The [recent] bathroom issue may or may not have necessarily been alcohol related, but it's easy to draw a connection to alcohol."

There can be extra prices to pay for living on campus besides the cost of living. If students cooperate with the rules and regulations of their specific hall, then they will not have to deal with making other people upset and their bills will stay within reason.

"Compared to two years ago, there has been a huge improvement. Students are paying tuition, and they don't want any more charges on top of that," said Rush.

## Since HPV leaves no tracks, college students need all the facts

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

When the topic of sexually transmitted diseases is brought up in conversation, the negative connotations usually go along with it. Remarks such as "He's dirty" or "She brought it upon herself" are often expressed when finding out a peer has been diagnosed with an STD.

There is a common STD that has been sweeping the nation and college campuses everywhere that can leave its victims with no traces of symptoms at all.

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common STD in America and the number one contracted disease on college campuses.

With over 100 different strains of the virus, the most

common way to be infected by this virus is through sexual interactions. Many of the strains will cause no type of symptoms at all, leaving the disease to go undetected.

According to USA Today, 5.5 million cases of HPV are diagnosed every year. 20 million Americans are already infected with the disease and some don't even know they have it.

The disease is more common than you thought. According to 4collegewomen.org, 60% of college females will contract the disease within their four years of college.

By the time a woman reaches the age of 50, there is a 75% chance that she has the virus. The significance of this virus is serious. Unlike other STDs, like chlamydia, the HPV virus stays with you.

It cannot be cured by

taking medication. It's up to the infected person's immune system to get rid of the virus on its own.

The disease can leave many different side effects. Many of the strains leave genital warts. Other, more serious strains start with an abnormal Pap smear, an annual gynecological exam that scrapes cells from the cervix.

If the Pap smear results in abnormal cells, it is a warning for pre-cancerous cells that might lead to cervical cancer.

There are several misconceptions about HPV. The Gardasil vaccine only covers about 70 strains of HPV. So even if you have been vaccinated, you can still contract the disease.

Although, it is more likely that you will contract the disease from unprotected sex, there is still a chance of

getting HPV with the use of condoms.

One of the most common misconceptions about HPV is whether men know they have the virus or not. Men are carriers of HPV, which means that although they can pass the virus from partner to partner, they will have no knowledge of having the disease.

The only exception to this is if they have contracted the strain that develops into genital warts. Currently, there is no direct test to determine whether a male has HPV and there is no vaccine for men to prevent getting the disease.

"My [male] friend actually got the HPV shot," said a WSU sophomore. "I heard guys can't get the shot, but apparently they can. His mom made him."

The best way to prevent this disease is to be aware of

the statistics.

Although the Gardasil shot only covers half of the strains, it is recommended to get it anyway. Get regular pap smears. Limit your sexual partners.

Ladies, if you are diagnosed with the virus, don't assume that your partner purposely gave it to you. Chances are he doesn't even know that he has it.

HPV is a common virus that many people get. The nonchalant attitude about sexual behavior in this country has led college students to not think seriously about their sexual health. Because of the frequency of this virus, having it does not make someone dirty or a bad person.

Before judging a person, know your facts. You could have virus right now and not be aware of it.

## Letter to the Editors: Concern over 'unprofessional situation'

Dear Editors,

Last Friday I witnessed something that I believe requires a response in these pages.

I was standing in the lobby of a residence hall as the situation unfolded.

Due to the Owl Ball, students were required to present identification upon entry into the building.

Of course this would come as a surprise to the average resident because almost no notification was given.

It was at this point that a student walked into the building towards the elevator.

He was not trying to evade the authorities, nor did he pose a substantial threat to campus security.

However, an Institutional Security Officer (ISO) decided that this was his time to shine. He proceeded to call out to the student.

The young man did not hear the officer because he was wearing ear buds. The officer rudely got his attention and harshly requested to see identification. Obviously the student was not aware this was a problem.

While reaching for his ID, he asked the officer why he needed to see it.

To which the officer said, "You don't need to know why I need to see it, just show me your ID."

The student was perplexed by the tone and thought he was in trouble. For anyone present, it was merely a confused student not realizing that restrictions had been placed on his place of residence.

The officer continued on with his tirade suggesting that the student go back to his room and read the handbook.

The student pushed back by saying "I don't understand

why you have to talk to me this way."

The officer was upset by that comment and proceeded on with his lecture.

He walked back to the desk and joked that this was going to be a good night.

Now that you know what happened, I'll tell you what went wrong.

First off, this is the United States of America and I believe citizens have a right to ask why they need to produce an ID.

Our citizens should never fear the authorities. The officer's assertion is foolish and I suggest he read the U.S. Bill of Rights.

Secondly, the entire situation was unprofessional and could have been avoided.

It did not represent Westfield in a manner of which we could be proud. I'm not saying that the student should be forgiven for his ignorance (He is required to produce an ID if asked).

However, last time I checked, we do not live in a police state.

Most people are not accustomed to demands from a uniformed officer to produce means sufficient to prove their identity.

The officer did not act in a way that would earn respect from the community he currently serves. It is apparent that the incident was a mistake.

I write this to highlight an error, not to cause harm to any individual. The enforcement of policy is not meant to be dramatic.

I should point out that the officers of this campus handle themselves with dignity and respect.

They go above and beyond to do the right thing, protecting us from the unknown, while dealing with intense situations.

This officer is probably a good and decent man that made a simple mistake.

Some, but not all, students treat ISO's awfully and this may pervade the type of unprofessional behavior I describe. However, if it weren't for the students, the officers would not have a job.

The student pays thousands of dollars to live on campus.

The student has taken the initiative to invest in a better education.

If the officers of this campus expect better treatment, they might heed my advice.

Be professional; act with integrity, and as Abraham Lincoln once said, "American affection stems from the better angels of our nature."

The students of this campus deserve better than to be treated as if they were children. But that means they should also step up and act like adults.

The next time a situation like this takes place, I sincerely hope that the officer can control himself.

Again, I must reiterate that this letter is not meant to harm the officer, nor defend all students.

Everyone makes mistakes and we must rebound from them with positive action.

The law never represents emotion; it is clearly separated from our actions. Or at least it should be.

As a student leader, acting in my official capacity as an elected representative of the students on campus, I have a distinct obligation to write this letter.

This ridiculous incident must not happen again. I expect better and we deserve better.

Sincerely,  
Brady Kerr

## Global warming still a hot issue

Erika Hayden  
Voice Reporter

Global warming has been in the news, ads, and campaigns in the last decade or so.

So often it is linked to democratic or left parties that are trying to enforce new laws in various spectrum of everyday life to create sustainability, jobs, and hope for the future.

The United States is one of the farthest countries from reaching or acting progressively with Green Movements.

The majority (58%) of Americans see global warming as a problem; about 33% of Americans see it as a serious one.

The reason why progress is so slow is because of its ties to political campaigns.

Today, we see such a struggle on bi-partisan agreements in our government.

It is nearly impossible to reach a middle ground, so large issues at hand are left on the back burner.

By not addressing these serious issues, we are letting detrimental global problems become untamed.

One of these global catastrophes is happening currently in Peru.

The Quelccaya ice cap in Peru, formed from a glacier over 1,600 years ago, has melted within just twenty-five years.

On Thursday, scientists who study in the region said the rapid ice melt is a direct link to human-global impact and pub-

lished their findings in the journal, "Science."

When the ice melts slightly every dry season, as it has for hundreds of years, it provides water for the people living in the Andes.

For now, the melting of the ice means water for people to carry on with daily lives.

However, we must look at the decrease of this ice mass in the last quarter century and how this affects the future.

This is one of the last resources of fresh water in the area; it provides water into the lakes and streams of the area.

Its depletion means the drought in just a few years could mean intense struggles of life to people, many of those who live simply.

It is a selfish act to not address the problems and put others in peril knowing our actions as individuals and in the masses will lead to hardships for others.

As a human race, we must see that these problems are not just thousands of miles away from us, but in our own backyard as well.

We are running out of land, water, clean air, and natural resources.

We are annihilating ecosystems large and small, creating new diseases and cancers with plastic and synthetic materials, and ending the planet much earlier before its time.

We are not following a natural cycle, but creating a new vicious one that is harming us and future generations with our carelessness.



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# MCAS testing to be replaced by PARCC exam in 2014

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

The struggle of every educator in our country is trying to teach our students based on standardized testing.

While that practice is probably not going to end any time soon, a new test in place is trying to unify the testing based on the common core standards.

Starting in 2014, MCAS will be replaced by PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College Careers).

Unlike the MCAS, this test will be done completely on computers thus providing schools with faster results to more quickly see students' progress.

According to the PARCC official website, the assessment has six priority purposes:

1. Determine whether students are college- and career-ready or on track.

2. Assess the full range of the Common Core Standards, including standards that are difficult to measure.

3. Measure the full range of student performance, including high- and low-performing students.

4. Provide data during the academic year to inform instruction, interventions and professional development.

5. Provide data for accountability, including measures of growth.

6. Incorporate innovative approaches throughout the assessment system.

For students in high school, this test is believed to show determination on students' readiness for college.

This then allows the student to grow and become

stronger when college comes around.

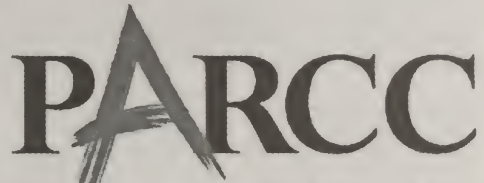
The main purpose of this new assessment is to test students on more performance-based applications and see if they can comprehend what they are reading and writing.

Another key aspect is that because the testing will be based on the common core standards, schools all across the state and country will be teaching the same standards.

This practice can make transitions for students, who may have to move to another district, easier as they are learning the same skills that they learned at their previous school.

The assessment seems more centered towards helping students in higher grades, as they are focused on setting them towards the right path for college.

It still appears to be lacking on the benefits of it for students in



Partnership for Assessment of  
Readiness for College and Careers

*photo by azed.gov*

MCAS testing will cease to exist in the 2014-2015 school year, being replaced by a PARCC test to help students become more college-oriented.

lower elementary school and middle school. However, the testing will allow educators to be teaching students to think in terms of real-life use, a skill that is used a lot in college.

This new testing will allow students to make connec-

tions to what they are learning in the classroom and to their own lives, something that is not currently occurring with the way the MCAS test is set up.

The PARCC will be put into place at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

## The time to have the conversation is now: April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month

**Cory Garwacki**  
Voice Reporter

While most of us think of April as the last stretch of the spring semester, others see it as National Organ Donor Awareness Month.

While it's okay for most college students to be thinking of housing sign-ups and finals, others are reminded this month of how precious life can be.

There is no greater gift that one person can give to another (or several people) than the gift of life, even after theirs has ended.

As tough a conversation as it may be, it is one that is so important to have.

As we all know, it takes just minutes to renew your license and at the same time have it marked that an individual is registered as an organ donor.

But, actually there is a common misconception here.

Even though you may have indicated your wishes on your license, when the time comes for this decision to be made, it is ultimately up to your family to make the final call, not simply an indication on your ID.

According to Donate Life New England ([www.donate-lifenewengland.org](http://www.donate-lifenewengland.org)), a non-profit organization comprised of three federally designated organ procurement organizations that serve New England -- New England Organ Bank,

LifeChoice Donor Services, and The Center for Donation and Transplant and the Connecticut Eye Bank -- there are



Give thanks. Give life.

currently "more than 110,000 men, women, and children in the United States waiting for a life-saving transplant."

As if that statistic isn't staggering enough, consider the equally eye-opening fact

that each day, an average of 18 people die while waiting for this second chance at life.

Virtually any organ or tissue from our bodies can be considered for transplantation, including, but not limited to, kidney, heart, liver, lung, intestine, eye, pancreas, and bone marrow.

While the majority of organ transplants come from deceased individuals, it is becoming increasingly more commonplace for living-donor operations to occur, provided both parties are matches for blood type and other matters.

The most common living donor transplants are kidneys.

Each state in our nation has its own organ donor registry, which is how you are en-

tered if you declare to become one on your license.

However, as stated earlier, if you do not make clear your wishes to your family members, they can override what your license says in the event that tragedy strikes.

According to [www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov), "Even if you are a registered donor, it is essential that your family know your wishes. Your family may be asked to sign a consent form in order for your donation to occur."

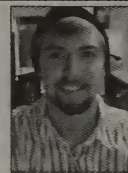
If for no other reason than to ensure that you do one final noble deed before you leave this Earth, please have this vital conversation with your family now, for if you wait, you may never get that chance.



# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



Two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author, reporter and longtime New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis died last Monday, March 25, at the age of 85 in his home in Cambridge, Mass.

A graduate of Harvard College, Lewis covered constitutional law and the United States Supreme Court as a reporter and columnist at the Times for much of his career.

He was one of the most influential and expert commentators on the Court, and an important voice for liberal causes throughout the 1960s and 70s.

In recent days, journalists who knew Lewis such as Hendrik Hertzberg have talked about his influence on the profession of journalism and our general understanding of the law and courts.

Lewis covered the Supreme Court and complex legal issues in a captivating yet understandable manner.

A passionate liberal, Lewis was critical of the Vietnam War and championed causes of democracy and equality in his ardent support of the Constitution.

"He brought context to the law," said Ronald K. L. Collins, a scholar at the University of Washington as quoted in a recent New York Times article. "He had an incredible talent in making the law not only intelligible but also in making it compelling."

I obviously didn't read any of Lewis's work at the time it was published, but as a student of Communication and Political Science I have been exposed to a great deal of Lewis's writings.

I can also say that Lewis is one of the authors who have most influenced my academic

studies and career goals.

I read Lewis's 1964 best-selling novel "Gideon's Trumpet" in Professor Zampini's Law, Courts, and Politics class during my freshman year.

I've reread the book on a number of occasions, but I can still remember the first time I read "Gideon's Trumpet," quickly paging through the book at night, completely enthralled by Lewis's account of poor Clarence Earl Gideon.

Lewis wrote about *certiorari*, *amicus curiae* briefs, and legal issues regarding the Sixth Amendment right to legal counsel and Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment in a flowing narrative that kept me on the edge of my seat.

The book always felt more like a John Grisham fiction novel than a historical account and legal analysis of an actual case as I was reading it.

Lewis wrote "Gideon's Trumpet" in a style that allowed readers with very little legal knowledge to better understand the law and inner workings of the Supreme Court.

He wrote about Clarence Earl Gideon's story in a way that made it difficult not to feel that something was wrong with a system that allowed a poor man to defend himself of a crime with no adequate legal representation despite the complexities of the American legal system.

Lewis wrote the following in "Gideon's Trumpet": "The case of *Gideon v. Wainwright* is in part a testament to a single human being. Against all the odds of inertia and ignorance and fear of state power, Clarence Earl Gideon insisted that he had a right to a lawyer and kept on insisting all the



AP file photo

In this May 6, 1963 file photo, New York Times reporter Anthony Lewis reads about the Pulitzer Prizes while at the Boston bureau of The Associated Press, in Boston, as he won the year's Pulitzer Prize for national reporting.

way to the Supreme Court of the United States.

"His triumph there shows that the poorest and least powerful of men—a convict with note even a friend to visit him in prison—can take his cause to the highest court in the land and bring about a fundamental change in the law."

"Gideon's Trumpet" had a profound influence on my future aspirations and was one of the original factors that drove my interest in studying the law and attending law school.

Without getting too detailed with legal issues, the ruling in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, that the Sixth Amendment guaranteed indigent criminal defendants the right to counsel at trial, and its application over the past 50 years originally interested me in public defenders systems and public interest law.

Reading other pieces that Lewis wrote throughout his career has influenced how I try to write about the law.

The American legal system doesn't need to be something that only experts can understand.

Writing about the law and court systems can be done in an interesting and exciting way—a way that makes people feel more comfortable with our legal system because they can understand what's happening in our courtrooms.

As I said earlier, reading "Gideon's Trumpet" is honestly one of the main factors that set me off to a future at law school and a potential legal career. It's one of the driving forces behind my passion for public interest law and seeing that fundamental rights are equally applied to all people.

So thank you Mr. Lewis. I hope that someday I can make even the slightest impact in promoting your legacy of democracy and justice for all. Rest in peace.

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# LYNDON SEITZ'S ALBUM REVIEWS



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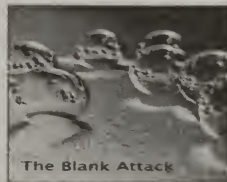


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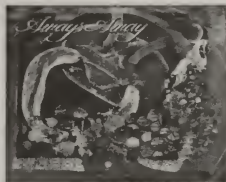


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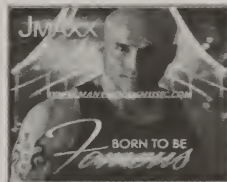


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**Esperanza Spalding: Radio Music Society** - I would just like to begin by saying that I will be shamelessly gushing over this album for the next few sentences. This jazz record is nothing of what you may stereotypically think of as jazz, coming across as smoother than almost anything I've ever heard. Her voice comes across smoother than silk along with instrumentation (especially the bass, ooooh that base) that knows the meaning of groove. I'm pretty sure "Radio Song" might be perfect. Stop reading this and go find this album now, and once you're done listening to it over a few times come back. Your paper is going nowhere.

**The Blank Attack: The Blank Attack** - I suppose this could be called a metal album, although that's a little bit of a stretch. Regardless of what you want to call it, it's pretty simplistic and average at best. "Tally Ho! (Quick! Back to the Tardis!)" starts off with some lyrics that any Doctor Who fan would appreciate, but I suspect the novelty of it wears off pretty quickly and leaves you with a lackluster metal song at the end of the day. In addition there is a cover of "Ain't No Sunshine" that is outclassed greatly by other versions. The rest of the tracks aren't really worth mentioning and are mostly repetitive of each other. Overall, there isn't much here that is worth it.

**Always Away: Some Things We'll Never Know** - This is rock music which probably feature the vocals more than music, which is interesting because there is something about the vocalist that is reminiscent of Bono. Sometimes the lyrics are hilariously unintelligible and for the most part sound like moaning. In fact, as I further listened to the album, I was further reminded of U2, almost to the point where if I didn't know I thought I'd be listening to a U2 (albeit a rather terrible album by the standards of U2). It's not bad, but I really don't see the point in getting it.

**Jmaxx: Justin Egling** - Just because an artist can include electronic effects in music, doesn't mean that they should. When there seems to be a loss, they just keep repeating the same phrase over and over again. This leads to the music being rather tiresome at best, insufferable at its worst. It's almost as if the album wants to be Daft Punk, but they fall just short of this goal. Luckily, the album does get a lot better as things go on, leading to some different takes of some very familiar melodies, like the track "Take On Me." The other winner is "Tom's Diner," putting a new take on that song as well, and recommend these two tracks before even thinking about the rest of the album.

**I'm Not A Pilot: Need Money For Rocket Fuel** - "I Need You" sounds great to me, but maybe I'm just a sucker for a good violin hook. This violin, prominent throughout the album, is a lot of what makes the band unique and interesting. The band also seems to have more of a plan than most, listening to the album I could tell that a great deal of thought was placed in here. "Where is My Mind" is most likely the best track on the album (you may have actually heard it before). The other strong track is a cover of Radiohead's Creep. This is more than a few steps above standard fare and most certainly worth a listen.

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7. Imagine Dragons - Radioactive
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# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Herbie Hancock - Born April 12, 1940



Herbert Jeffrey Hancock was raised in Chicago, Illinois, and began classical training for piano at the age of seven. His talents were apparent early, with his first public performance at age nine. Following graduation from Grinnell College in Iowa at age twenty, Hancock teamed with trumpeter Donald Byrd to release his first solo album on Blue Note Records in 1963. Herbie's unique brand of jazz made him a favorite of legendary bandleader and trumpeter Miles Davis, who invited him to join the Miles Davis Quintet in the same year. No stranger to experimentation, Davis began fusing jazz sensibilities with rock and roll and funk, greatly influencing

Hancock's career path. In the late '60s, Hancock formed The Headhunters, a pioneering band in the genre of jazz/rock fusion. Their self-titled album in 1973 was the first to feature Hancock's signature synthesizer and went platinum, becoming the highest-selling jazz album in history strengthened by the hit single "Watermelon Man". In 1983, Hancock continued to break ground in new and interesting musical endeavors with the gold-selling album *Future Shock*, a hit on the R&B and dance music charts thanks to the track "Rockit," propelled by a music video featured heavily in MTV's rotation during its infancy. The robotic single won a Grammy for best R&B instrumental. Herbie has remained active in the music industry, still touring and recently acting as the Creative Chair for Jazz at the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

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## Jackie Robinson's Major League Debut - April 15, 1947

As the first African American to play Major League Baseball, Jackie Robinson not only broke through a decades-old absence of colored athletes at the sport's highest level, he transcended all major sports and influenced the breaking of color barriers nationwide. After recruitment by Brooklyn Dodgers owner Branch Rickey in 1946, Robinson soared through the minor leagues and earned the opportunity to prove his talent at the major league level. Rickey desperately wanted to field the first African American player in baseball and break the unwritten segregation rule plaguing the majors, so he promoted Robinson in mid-April of 1947. On April 15, 28 year-old Jackie Robinson batted second in the lineup against the

Boston Braves in front of 25,000 spectators at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. The game not only signified a monumental event in sports history, but the start of Robinson's great responsibility as an ambassador for African American athletes, a job requiring him to maintain his cool and courageous demeanor in the face of racism from opposing teams and fans. Rickey clearly defined his expectations of Robinson before his debut, desiring "a ballplayer with guts enough not to fight back" against even the harshest bigotry. Robinson mildly went 0-for-3 with a run scored on April 15, but the rest of his season did not disappoint: he hit .297, led the National League in stolen bases, and was pronounced the well-deserved Rookie of the Year.

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## Clara Barton - Died April 12, 1912

Born December 25, 1821 in Oxford, Massachusetts, Clara Barton dedicated her life to public service as a nurse and educator. Her first career was teaching, and she would later open a public school for children in New Jersey, but her true calling was in health care. After working as a clerk in the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C., Barton decided to contribute toward the Union effort in the Civil War. At first, she could merely participate as a courier for the Union Army, having little experience with nursing beforehand. She eventually worked her way to the battlefield, first assisting wounded Union soldiers in a battle at Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1862. She quickly earned the famous nickname "The Angel of the Battlefield" after attending to soldiers at the Battle of Antietam. Post war, Barton worked as a sort of social worker for the War Department,



helping missing soldiers reunite with their families. Her lectures about war experiences also drew widespread fanfare. In 1870, Barton traveled overseas to assist nurses of the International Red Cross in the Franco-Prussian War. Upon returning stateside, she lobbied for an American branch of the Red Cross, which came to fruition in 1881 and named Barton as its first president. The disaster relief organization still exists today under the same principles taught and performed by Clara Barton over a century ago.

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## WSU's Dever Stage Schedule

**Friday, April 12:** 7:30p.m, WSU Music Department Presents *Cabaret*

**Saturday, April 13:** 2:00p.m. & 7:30p.m, WSU Music Department Presents *Cabaret*

**Wednesday, April 17:** 7:30p.m, Chamber Ensembles

**Thursday, April 18:** 7:30p.m, Jazz Combos

**Friday, April 19:** 7:00p.m, *Raise the Roof* ResLife benefit for *Habitat for Humanity*

**Sunday, April 21:** 3:00p.m, Senior Performance Recital: Kelsey Fritz, Voice

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**Wednesday, April 24:** 12:30p.m, Studio Recital

**Wednesday, April 24:** 7:30p.m, CAB presents *Price Is Right*





# Westfield women's lacrosse wins fifth straight

## WSU Athletic Department

The Westfield State University women's lacrosse team scored five consecutive goals in a seven-minute span midway through the second half to seize the momentum for good and post a 16-13 non-conference victory over Eastern Connecticut State University Tuesday night, April 9, at the Mansfield Outdoor Complex.

The win was the fifth straight for Westfield (7-2), in only its seventh season on the intercollegiate level. It was the third straight loss and fifth in the last six outings for Eastern (3-7), now 2-4 at home.

It was a game of streaks as Westfield put together scoring streaks of three straight

to open the game, five in a row to end the first half and open the second, and later five in a row which stretched a two-goal lead to seven, 14-7, with 10 minutes left.

After giving up the first three goals of the match, Eastern answered with four straight – two by Daniela Marchitto and two by Erin Conn – to move out to its only lead of the game, 4-3, midway through the first half.

As has been its pattern this year, the Warriors fell behind early before rallying to close the gap in the final minutes. Down by that 14-7 score, the Warriors scored six of the next seven goals, finally pulling to within two on Meg Eremita's unassisted goal with just over four minutes left.

Eastern won the ensuing

draw which followed a Westfield timeout, but promptly turned the ball over and the Owls turned it into the clinching goal when Blair Smith scored her only goal of the match on an assist from Amanda Bouchard with 2:41 left.

Eastern again won the ensuing draw but again turned the ball over and Westfield ran out the clock.

Maura Stack (five goals) and Bouchard (three) – Westfield's top scorers this year – led the Owls offensively. Conn scored nearly half (6) of Eastern's goals, with Marchitto scoring three goals, winning three draws and picking up three ground balls.

Megan Griffin added to her team-leading total by winning 12 of Westfield's 18



photo by Eastern Connecticut State  
Freshman midfielder Megan Griffin (with ball) continued her outstanding play against Eastern Connecticut.

draws. Sadie Graham and Griffin also picked up five ground balls each.

After Eastern had pulled to within two, 9-7, 12 minutes into the second half, Griffin won three draws and Bridget Everett

one and Westfield capitalized by scoring five straight goals, three by Stack.

Westfield travels to Worcester this Saturday, April 13, at 1 p.m. for a key MASCAC matchup.

# Reporter Tyler Morissette previews 2013 NFL Draft

## Tyler Morissette Voice Reporter

Now that the college basketball season is complete, many sports fans head to the next big event in April. Though the Masters tournament is this week, the best event is in late April, that being the NFL Draft.

At The Westfield Voice, we always like to keep you up to date on the latest NFL draft news, as we have for the last three years. This week is no different, as both myself and Cleveland Browns number one fan Joey Cooper will talk about the draft and highlight some sleepers for people to pay attention to as the draft approaches.

Unlike last year's draft, this draft does not possess the big name quarterbacks or skill position players that fill a team's draft board.

There is no Andrew Luck or Robert Griffin III, but instead there are many impressive de-

fensive and offensive linemen who have the skills to become Pro Bowlers for years to come.

In fact, I predict that there will be no quarterback taken in the first round, a feat that has not occurred since 1996. Here's a look at my projected top five picks:

**1. Kansas City Chiefs: Luke Joeckel - Offensive Tackle, Texas A&M**

Joeckel is a perfect fit for the Chiefs, who picked up Alex Smith in the offseason to play quarterback. Andy Reid is a good coach and there is a lot of talent on this team, which had five Pro Bowlers last year. Joeckel will help create holes for Jamaal Charles, who is capable of being a top running back.

**2. Jacksonville Jaguars: Dion Jordan - Defensive End, Oregon**

Jordan is a very athletic defensive end and could be a great addition to the poor pass rush that the Jaguars have. Jordan's ability to play defensive

end and outside linebacker adds to his draft stock. If he does not go here, look for him to be picked up by his former coach Chip Kelly in Philadelphia.

**3. Oakland Raiders: Dee Millner - Cornerback, Alabama**

Millner was the best defensive player that Alabama had all year and the Raiders have struggled the last couple of years in pass defense. Millner is someone who could be a staple on this defense for years to come.

**4. Philadelphia Eagles: Sharrif Floyd - Defensive Tackle, Florida**

The Eagles have many holes to fit on the defensive side of the ball, and Floyd could be a good fit here. Though he did not have the best numbers in college, Floyd has the power to take on two blockers and can clog up the middle.

**5. Detroit Lions: Ezekiel Ansah - Defensive End, BYU**  
Ansah has been flying

up draft boards all season long. He reminds me a little of Jason Pierre-Paul from the Giants. He has limited experience playing football, but is very quick off the ball and was a track star in college.

The Lions need to add some talent at the defensive end position as they are set at tackle with Ndamukong Suh and Nick Fairley.

The rest of the first round will be made up of other defensive players, and there will be an influx of wide receivers later in the round. There are really no great running backs in this draft, as all of them have flaws, though Eddie Lacey could be a good power back in the NFL.

As I said earlier, I think there will be no quarterbacks taken in the first round of the draft. Geno Smith is the only quarterback who could be taken in the first round, but he won't be. This is simply because quarterbacks aren't currently in high demand.

Every team that needed a quarterback this offseason has gotten one from either a trade or free agency.

Teams simply have more confidence in guys like Matt Flynn, Alex Smith and Carson Palmer than they do in these rookie quarterbacks.

The only quarterback that I really like is Tyler Bray from Tennessee. Bray has all the tools to be a great quarterback, especially with his big arm. However, teams are afraid that he doesn't have the mental makeup of a good quarterback.

Finally, if I had to pick one sleeper in this draft it would be cornerback Tyrann Mathieu from LSU. Mathieu has the talent to develop into a good corner at the next level.

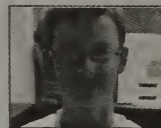
His height may be an issue, but I think he will fit on a team where there is a good locker room and a no-nonsense coach. His speed and nose for the ball is exactly what teams want in a corner.

# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



Through Roger Goodell's reign as commissioner, the NFL Draft has been transformed into a primetime television event, to the pleasure of football fans everywhere.

The stage that the draft has been placed upon is worthy because of its implications for teams looking to build a deep 53-man roster.

There are 31 teams in the NFL that have owners (the Green Bay Packers are a non-profit, community-owned team) and passionate fans breathing down the necks of front offices to make the 2013-14 season one that finishes with winning the last game of the season.

Writing about this process for years now, I have always approached the three-day draft as a game teams are playing to chase one common goal.

Teams drafting at the top do not necessarily have the

anointed advantage over their counterparts who have succeeded in postseason play. The teams that are dangerous come draft day are franchises that understand how to jockey for position, getting as many picks as possible at valued spots across the board.

Evaluating talent is essentially the most important factor in determining the success of any given draft. All seven rounds have given this league some of its largely decorated players, as evidenced by the sixth round selection of Tom Brady.

Players in smaller markets or in areas that don't get as much television exposure tend to be under-scouted.

There is nothing guaranteed in this business, and the draft is no different. There isn't a right answer when choosing players, and that holds true

throughout every step of the process leading to the draft on Thursday, April 25.

What makes The Westfield Voice's NFL Draft preview so great is the overwhelming differences that my colleague Tyler Morissette and I have regarding a field of NFL hopefuls.

I don't believe the notion that the 2013 NFL Draft will have a first round without a quarterback being drafted. Remember, this is the same league that saw Tim Tebow jump up to the first round seemingly overnight.

In early April last year, Ryan Tannehill was being discussed as a second or third round talent, but in the end found himself drafted in the top 10, going to South Beach.

The NFL is a quarterback-driven league in this modern day of professional football. A

weak draft class will not stop a team from making the mistake of over drafting.

The day the NFL doesn't need any quarterbacks is the same day an MLB team is all set on pitching.

Teams possessing players named Blaine Gabbert, Carson Palmer, Mark Sanchez, Alex Smith and Tavaris Jackson as their starting quarterbacks could use some help in said department.

What these rookie quarterbacks have that these veterans don't is time and a fresh start. Coaches can mold these players in a way that best fits their system.

Although a running back prospect will presumably be vacant from the first round, there is some great talent in this 2013 class worth mentioning.

Eddie Lacey of Alabama maintains a huge build and a

unique skill set that is not seen in the league. His raw and deceiving ability along with his willingness to get better make him an extremely capable and coachable player.

Montee Ball of Wisconsin comes off a storied career in Madison. Ball is your prototypical every down back who can punch it in at the goal line and catch it out of the backfield.

This draft will most notably be highlighted by those who make a living in the trenches between the hash marks: the offense and defensive linemen.

The 2013 class retains a group of SEC stars such as Luke Joeckel, D.J. Fluker, Bjorn Werner, Damontre Moore and Sharrif Floyd.

A draft with a skinny list of great skill position players may be what some teams need to better their front lines that hold a scheme intact.

## Bruins look to right the ship heading into playoffs

**Ryan Sances**  
Voice Reporter

After beginning the season with one of the best starts in franchise history, the Boston Bruins have looked very ordinary as of late.

The Bruins posted a record of 13-2-2 through the first two months of the season but have since stumbled to a 9-6-2 record in March, slipping down to fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

A major issue for the Bruins during the team's recent struggles has been slow starts. The Bruins have surrendered the first goal in eight of their last 11 games. Another problem is that Boston's normally

dependable defense has shown a few chinks in the armor this season, especially in the lower defensive pairings.

Finally, the Bruins weak power play continues to be a problem, with Boston ranking 24th in the league in power play percentage.

In addition to the their recently sloppy play, another key concern for the team moving forward is the health of center Patrice Bergeron, who is out of the lineup with a concussion.

Although the team is currently classifying Bergeron's concussion as "moderate," one can only be concerned about Bergeron's availability going forward given his well-documented concussion history.

Aside from his offensive

contributions, the 2012 Selke Award winner's defensive skills, faceoff prowess and leadership will be sorely missed in his absence.

Looking to improve the team heading into the postseason, Bruins GM Peter Chiarelli did manage to bring in some reinforcements prior to the NHL trade deadline. The team's biggest acquisition was the addition of the Jaromir Jagr from the Dallas Stars.

One of the game's all-time great players, the 41-year-old Jagr appears to still have some gas left in the tank, scoring 15 goals and adding 12 assists so far this season, including scoring the game-winning goal in his Bruins debut, a 1-0 win over the New Jersey Devils.

The Bruins also bolstered their depth at defense and forward, acquiring veteran defenseman Wade Redden from the St. Louis Blues in exchange for a conditional draft pick, and claiming forward Kaspars Daugavins off waivers from the Ottawa Senators.

The Bruins had appeared to make a blockbuster trade for star forward Jarome Iginla of the Calgary Flames. However, Iginla (who had a no-movement clause) rejected the deal in fa-

vor of a trade to the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Despite the recent struggles, the Bruins still have enough talent on their roster to contend in the East. However, with less than a month remaining, time is running out to right the ship before the postseason.

The success of the team will hinge upon how the new additions fit into the lineup, getting healthy and regaining the consistency that made this team so dangerous early in the year.



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# The Westfield Voice

The Student Press of Westfield State University

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## Former student reacts to Boston Bombings

**Jonah Berger**  
Voice Alumnus

Yesterday my sister, mother-in-law and several other family members stood near the finish line of the Boston Marathon in anticipation of watching the remaining strides of aunt Brenda's 26.2 miles. I wasn't there but can imagine them holding up signs, glowing from top to bottom, screaming Brenda's name and peeking their heads over the barricades and through the seas of people who were likely doing the same thing.

Marathons are special events for countless reasons, especially in Boston. For one it's held on Patriots' Day, which is set-aside on a Monday in April to celebrate the inaugural battles of the American Revolutionary War. It's a holiday in Massachusetts and Maine and also marks the day the Red Sox take the field at Fenway for the first time of the young season while the marathon and its 25,000 runners and hundreds of thousands of spectators fill the city with equal amounts of athleticism, endurance, passion, anxiety and buzz (and Dunkin' Donuts cups).

I've never been to the Boston Marathon but I've run others, and my eyes can tell you that every single person in attendance - whether organizer, volunteer, spectator or runner - wants to be there because they feel like they're part of something big. I think the whole idea of a marathon piques the interest of most because humans aren't supposed to be able to run that far.

Yesterday my family members and millions of other people around the world

became part of something bigger than big, but not for the right reasons. When the bombs went off, it pains me to think about how the people with bibs on, or those on both sides of the road watching and filled to the brim with fervor, or those in uniform or handing out water and oranges, felt.

We're not trained to deal with tragedy, especially tragedy of that magnitude. I called my brother in Seattle, Matthew, last night after I heard the news and had trouble getting some of the words out clearly because I kept thinking about what was and definitely what could've

been had our loved ones, who made it home safe and sound, been standing in a different spot, a spot like all the others along the course.

Like you, I've read all the tweets and Facebook posts that range from the "Thinking of you, Boston" to the "We're OK and made it home safely" variety, as well as the newspaper clippings (check out the front page of the Chicago Tribune sports section if you haven't yet) that speak to the heroic efforts, and the millions of side stories that have developed and will continue to be uncovered

and told for the rest of time. I've digested all of these and each makes me feel sad, then sick, then sad again, then filled with goose bumps, then scared, then, well, I don't know exactly how I feel.

Usually I'm the most optimistic person you'll ever meet - ever. I don't talk about myself very often because it makes me feel uncomfortable, and pessimism isn't too far behind that discomfort. It was instilled in me to see the best in people and life in general and I've never let that go, never wavered.

Even when my mom suffered a stroke in 1998 and didn't fully recover, I eventually did, at least to a point that I can accept. I'll never understand why a mesmerizing person like her had to go through that ordeal, but then again there's a lot to life that we're unable to understand or wrap our minds around. Yeah, I could've turned into a bitter person and blamed life or a higher power for not taking care of my mom, but what good is it if you only get one go at this life thing and you spend it being resentful, angry or unhappy? I just don't have that negativity in me. Thanks for that, Mom, and for smiling and joking today, nearly 15 years after your worst day.

The events that unfolded in Boston on its worst day have tested me for sure. That's my home and where I grew up, and that's where many of my family members and best friends still live. And just as they still live and you and I still live, so do the people who break the law, commit crimes and create chaos to pass the time.

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*photo by Samantha Fahey*

On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. about 100 students gathered around the globe in the center of campus to pray for the victims, runners, and everyone else affected by the tragedy that occurred in Boston on Monday, April 15.

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(Capture the Flag style  
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Stanley Park

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**Saturday, April 20**

12:00p.m.

Baseball vs. Fitchburg  
State  
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3:30p.m.

Spring Weekend BBQ  
Campus Green

**Sunday, April 21**

1:00p.m.

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4/02/2013 to 4/06/2013

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## Boston Bombings: A professor's story

Westfield State Community,

Yesterday my family and I had just reunited after I crossed the finish line and were a few blocks from the blast when it happened. The T closed down, so we had to walk back along the race route to find transportation back to our car in Newton, which meant we saw a lot of terrified family members and freezing runners trying to find their loved ones.

At one point, the police ordered all of us to run away, fast, from Boylston St. (where they had found another explosive device). The scene was chaotic and very, very sad.

Still, I'm holding on to the joyful memories that represent the generosity and community spirit at the heart of that event, which included seeing Carlton Pickron and WSU Ambassadors volunteering at the start line, thousands of children along the course offering high fives and oranges to complete strangers from around the world, and of course so many families cheering their loved ones on.

That one of the victims was a young boy waiting for his dad to finish is utterly heartbreaking.

In honor of those lost and hurt yesterday, my running team, Western Mass Distance Project, is organizing an informal event Sunday morning 4/21 in Stanley Park. For more information visit the Western Mass Distance Project Facebook page.

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## WSU alumnus ponders Marathon tragedy

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Sadly, these people are always going to exist and roam our streets, sidewalks, neighborhoods, back alleys and shadows. They existed 14 years ago at Columbine High School and two years after that when the Twin Towers fell in New York City, just as they did six years later at Virginia Tech and in December at Sandy Hook. These stories, no matter the number of suspects involved, are what we read about almost daily - and these are just the massacres and not the everyday violence that's found in every country, city and towns big and small.

I can't help but come to the realization that we live on a planet where stuff like this happens and will always happen. Yes, it will always happen.

I, too, want to be one of those people who posts "Enough is enough!" and "You'll never beat us!" on social networks and billboards to and fro, and I want to be one of those people who screams "You F'd with the wrong guys!" I do, but I also am realistic and know that while it's great to have this fighting spirit that never flames out, we don't have control over

what others do.

When I think back on my life and reflect on all the amazing things I've been lucky to see and hear about, as well as all the terrible things that have made my heart hurt, I know that there will always be a terrorist piecing together some evil plot, or a criminal planning his next heist. But also in this same world, there will always be families traveling to wonderful cities like Boston and returning home with stories of clam chowder, the ocean, funny accents and friendly people.

There will always be moments when we walk down the streets of stomping grounds present and past and mind our own business as we travel from A to B without question. Think about all the times you've made a quick run to the grocery store or Walgreens, or driven through McDonald's or gotten your haircut. And think about all the times you've strolled to the ballpark on the first 60-degree day of the year and thanked the sun's rays for bringing out your freckles and your favorite team.

There will always be this and there will always be that - it's up to us to make the most of it, to not dwell or cling too

tightly to our fears. It's OK to be afraid if it makes you more aware, but don't ever take yourself out of a good situation by thinking about something bad.

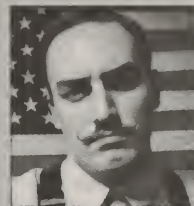
One more thing before I go - something I've also been thinking about since yesterday. A lot of the marathon comments and stories I've read have mentioned winners and losers and how you can't mess with the States because eventually we'll find you and you'll pay for what you did (that's a given). To be honest, we all lost yesterday - every single one of us.

Those who died have gone too soon and left huge voids, and those who were injured or simply there to cheer have lost their sense of safety and now for the rest of their lives will be haunted by graphic images and nightmares. Those who weren't there but have a connection - like me - lost because we'll worry more about our loved ones who may be thousands of miles away when an arm's reach is preferred. And those who orchestrated the bombings lost simply because they never had and never will have a chance to win.

You can't win something that nobody else wants to play.

## Coffey Break with Peter Francis

by Kylie Coffey



Hometown: Where the Wild Things Are  
Major: Communication

1. What is your all time favorite movie?  
Toss up between GoodFellas and Pulp Fiction.
2. They say you are what you eat, so what are you?  
Fried Fish. I love myself some fried fish.
3. Being a graduating senior, what advice do you have for underclassmen?  
Enjoy every moment, even if it seems insignificant; enjoy the fact that you get one go-around.
4. What is your ultimate career goal?  
Something with a pension.
5. Ranch, BBQ, or Honey Mustard and why?  
Ranch, it's the most versatile.
6. If you were in charge of picking the artist for Spring Weekend, who would you choose and why?  
Bring Tupac Shakur's hologram back from Coachella, and bring Biggie with him.
7. What is your reaction to the Boston Marathon Bombing?  
Tragic and sad, but I feel that we as a nation can move forward together for the better.

If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.

# WSKB to hold spring concert

Jessica Thelen  
Voice Reporter

On April 27th, from 12 to 7 p.m., WSKB 89.5 FM, Westfield State's campus radio station, will be hosting a Spring Concert titled "Pump Up The Frequency."

The concert is being held in order to spread awareness and to raise money for a new antenna so we can broadcast to a wider audience and support local bands.

It is a free concert, but donations are encouraged. It is open to the public. The concert will have food, baked goods, raffles, a tie-dye station, an

open mic, awesome bands and special guest performances.

Compilation CDs of the bands present will be available for purchase as well as WSKB t-shirts. The bands performing will have merchandise tables with vinyl, t-shirts, etc.

"Pump Up The Frequency" is being held on the green, but please be advised that there is to be no consumption of alcohol or drugs.

The bands that will be performing are: The Leafies You Gave Me (Northampton-based experimental jazz/rock/performance band), Kelsey Birk (campus-based acoustic singer/songwriter), Slice Mula (hip-hop group), Little Brother

(fun indie pop-rock), The Alex J Cohen Project (folk/rock/punk/indie), Twin Berlin (Boston indie pop-punk), Hot Dirt (experimental funk/fusion/program/math/jam band) and Milkshakes (Connecticut punk with an indie twist).

Special guest performances will be by Stanley, Pat Rice (rap), and Maurice Taylor (spoken word poetry).

Be sure to check out this event, hosted by WSKB: Radio For The Western Masses. WSKB is also hosting a rave during Spring Weekend from 9p.m. until 1a.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall on April 20th. WSKB will be selling glow sticks there for guests to use.

## Westfield News' Jim McKeever comes to WSU

Erika Hayden  
Voice Reporter

Last Tuesday, Jim McKeever of The Westfield News visited students at Westfield State University to discuss print culture, his management in its survival, and competition with big news.

McKeever said his main challenges in keeping his local business afloat is offering something that his competitors, TV and big news, don't offer. McKeever stressed the importance of the generation and technology gap of his viewers.

"Our message is you need to read the news," he said.

Older viewers, he said, like to have something tangible and physical that they can hold and look through, whereas younger viewers like to be able to have something instantaneous.

He also explained that newspapers make money; websites only earn the business pennies.

McKeever solved the issue of the generation gap by

providing a cross-media flow from The Westfield News. He established a website; those who subscribe to either the newspaper or the website would be able to access both media types.

He explained how they still do things the old fashioned way. After business and subscriptions are taken care of, the print news circulates from the news room to graphics and arts. At noon it is still hand distributed by other staff.

"It's crazy and fun," McKeever said.

Though print news is in jeopardy of dying out because of new technology, McKeever mentioned how technology has actually helped him.

In the infamous October snowstorm, he had a staff member in a laundry mat reporting on a laptop with provided Wi-Fi. The Republican, and other papers, were not able to distribute much news because of the power outages and had such an immense staff that was not able to report as easily as an individual.

News was reported quickly and passed around between

the Westfield News staff via texts and tweets to one another that were quickly put onto the website. PDF's were emailed back to the newsroom for printing.

"We're finding our niche in local news. Nothing ever goes on the front page unless it happens in town," explained McKeever.

Westfield State has been a controversial topic for Jim McKeever and the Westfield News.

Last year, some subscribers complained that Westfield State students are from other places than Westfield and should not be included in the news coverage.

Over the last year, the University has become more integrated with downtown living and volunteer services such as HOOT Day have integrated students outside campus and into the city.

Jim McKeever also discussed his thoughts on print media's future.

"I don't think print will die in our generation; it will be around for decades."

## Editor's Desk



I will refrain from commenting about the events that unfolded at Monday's Marathon, if only to say that every one is in my thoughts and prayers.

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I have another suggestion! On Wednesday, Rob and I went to the bookstore to buy our caps and gowns (\$60? When we don't even get to keep them?). I was immediately disappointed that they were black - the cap, the gown, and even the tassel. I thought our school colors were navy and white? My suggestion is this: let the girls wear white, let the boys wear navy. That way, the tassels can have both colors. Wouldn't that look nice? In my car I have my high school tassel hanging from my mirror. It's black and orange because those were our school colors. Time to add my university's school colors! ...oh wait...

**HAVE A FABULOUS SPRING WEEKEND!!!**

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## SGA update by Rebecca DiVico

SGA honored a moment of silence for the bombings in Boston on Monday, April 15, 2013

SGA had two guest speakers. First, Milton Santiago, the VP of Administration and Finance, came to speak about the Pouring Rights contract, the Pepsi vs. Coke distribution contract, that is up in a few short months. It's a very important decision to make.

Our second guest was Don Humason, Massachusetts State Representative. He came to speak about the budget and told us that higher education did well this year, meaning more money was put towards

it. He answered students' various questions as well.

Stone Koury, the Student Trustee, announced that Juniper Park will officially be owned by WSU in 2015. He also discussed the new drug and alcohol policy that was successfully passed through the Board.

Brandon Burr, the President of the class of 2013, spoke about graduation rehearsal taking place on May 3rd at the Woodward Center from 5-7. Seniors must RSVP to this event by contacting classof2013@westfield.ma.edu and simply stating your name.



## Alison Fraser inspires WSU students

**Ed Drood**  
Voice Reporter

On Monday, April 15th, ten Westfield State students participated in "Song As Scene," a musical theatre master class sponsored by the University's very own Musical Theatre Guild.

Two-time Tony Award-nominee Alison Fraser instructed the five-hour long workshop, a condensed version of a course that she teaches at Fordham University in New York.

The workshop began with a 'song as text' exercise, in which students performed Beatles lyrics as complete scenes, each with a clear, narrative arc.

The idea behind this exercise is that every song tells a story. The words must be carefully examined and understood, not just belted out. Singers must

first learn how to act a song before trying to sing it.

As Fraser says, "Singing is simply acting on pitch. Every song has a clear essence, objective, character and result."

Freshman Samuel Prudhomme chose the song, "Something." Based on Fraser's suggestions, the traditionally sweet Beatles number morphed into a creepy tale of forbidden love, in which a student finds himself smitten with his much older teacher. Prudhomme enjoyed the exercise, saying, "It taught me how to read between the lines and think outside the box [when analyzing a song]."

The remainder of the workshop was spent working on the presentation of musical theatre material. Each student prepared both a ballad and a showstopper to perform and receive feedback on.

Sophomore Beth Teague

sang "Hold On" from "The Secret Garden." This was quite the coincidence, as Fraser originated this song in her Tony Award-nominated turn as Martha in "The Secret Garden."

"I was intimidated at first [to sing the song for her]," Teague said. "[But] Alison was very encouraging and helped me make the song my own."

The workshop was a great success, according to junior Dan Monopoli.

"Working with Alison was a terrific experience," he said. "She is so knowledgeable and has so many great insights. I will definitely use her feedback to polish my skills."

WSU junior Barrett Tamen-Leddy said, "We covered a lot of material within a small window of time. Myself and the other participants grew so much - not only as performers, but also as interpreters of songs."

## Fate of Owl Ball up for discussion

**Emma Savoy**  
Voice Reporter

Hey, did you go to the Owl Ball this year? If you didn't, apparently you're not alone.

Out of the 765 tickets that were available to sell for the event, only 208 were sold this year. In past years, closer to 700 tickets were being sold consistently. Back in 2009, the event was sold out.

The Owl Ball is a semi-formal that is put on every year by the Student Government Association.

It was only this past year, however, that the formal was called the Owl Ball. Up until now, it was called the Senate Banquet. The name changed this year to appeal to all students, although it's always been an event for the whole school.

The occasion has been put on for about 25 to 30 years, and only in the past couple of years has there been a drastic decrease in ticket sales. What used to be the Senate Banquet was a very popular event attended by all classes.

So why the sudden lack of interest? One could argue that there wasn't enough advertising. They would be wrong. There were flyers all over campus, announcements on the school's Facebook and Twitter pages, and mass emails were sent to all students.

As SGA Advisor Barbara Hand said, "Students see what they want to see."

Yes, there were flyers everywhere, but student wouldn't notice them if they weren't paying attention.

Then maybe it's a matter of people not knowing what the Owl Ball really is. In the mass

email that went out, it does entail that a dinner is involved, dancing, and transportation to an off campus facility.

So what it may come down to, like most things, is the cost. College students don't usually have forty dollars to throw around here or there, and that's not including a date or attire. Not all students have kept their prom dresses.

With the lack of interest in this year's event, the question has been raised of whether the school should continue to put on the annual semi-formal.

If not enough people are going to attend, why bother going through all the trouble?

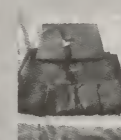
A meeting is going to be held next week within SGA to determine the continuation of the traditional event.

Students will soon know if the once anticipated event will be retired.

## Editor's Desk



So this is what's happening in my life right now..



I keep telling people on my tours that I just bought my cap and gown and that graduation is in a month. And every time I seem to say it, the minutes and hours form into, well, reality.

Unfortunately, something else struck our world this week that caused many of us to get a glimpse of another reality - a negative one. Sometimes, it takes tragedy to bring the world together. And while I wouldn't wish this again, to anyone or any place, it's amazing how much my faith in a part of humanity is restored. To follow in everyone else's footsteps this week - I stand Boston Strong. And America Strong.

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WSU is participating in the  
Center for Disease Control's  
National GYT ("Get Yourself  
Tested") Campaign

April is National STD Awareness Month.  
Know yourself, know your status. #GYT!  
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Health Services will sponsor Tap-  
stry Health Systems to offer FREE  
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testing on Tuesday, April 23rd from  
3PM to 7PM in Health Services.



# Students participate in Advocacy Day for higher education

## La' Toyya Pleasant Voice Reporter

Attention students. Worried about debt? Well here's something that you should know.

Massachusetts State House legislators have been reviewing a budget proposal by Governor Deval Patrick. If budget proposal is approved then there is a possibility for no hike in tuition.

According to the Boston Globe, Patrick has proposed a \$1.9 billion tax increase that would raise money to profit education from pre-kindergarten through college students and increase the MassGrant program,

which is known for giving grants to students who apply for financial aid.

As well as giving increased financial aid to those in need, it would increase the amount for grants and scholarships.

Governor Patrick said, "It is important to invest in education, we have to step up in the same spirit of our previous generations, and the public has to step up too."

What this budget reform is proposing is that the students of public universities in Massachusetts will be able to look forward to increased funding for their schools as well as increases for community colleges. Most importantly, this means a

stop in tuition hikes for public education across the state of Massachusetts.

The down fall of attaining a higher education is the costs and expenses that come along with it. From loans to not enough financial aid assistance, students all over Massachusetts and across the United States may be in debt until or even after death.

"Education is not a privilege. It is a right," said Nicole Ouimette, student at Holyoke Community College and President of PHENOM.

She is one of the many voices and students who attended the Public Higher Education Advocacy Day 2013 at the Massachusetts State House in Bos-

ton in March.

Advocacy Day is a day devoted to lobbying, giving students a chance to express their thoughts and get legislators to consider the budget reform proposals of Governor Patrick. Many students expressed their experiences with debt, splitting up into groups to speak with their representatives and city council members to increase their decisions on support the Governor's budget reform.

Over 500 student were in attendance from colleges all over Massachusetts including Westfield State University, Holyoke Community College and UMASS Dartmouth and Amherst, just name to name a few.

"You can close gaps by

investing in education, it's important that your voice is heard today," said Matthew Malone, Massachusetts Secretary of Education.

Debt is one of the biggest problems to date in higher education. Students have to take out large amounts of money in loans to maintain their education and stay in school. It's no longer the main concern about maintaining grades. It about wondering how they are going to pay for their education.

Advocacy Day is a yearly event. If there is anyone interested in going and supporting this movement that could benefit students in end, there will another held during the spring semester of 2014.

## Westfield Police Department receives grant to control underage drinking

### Donny Washburn Voice Reporter

The City of Westfield Police Department was awarded a \$10,000 grant targeting the control of underage drinking.

The money is to be used throughout the next six months to overload staff and assist local bars and liquor stores to maintain the excessive partying that may occur entering the spring and summer seasons.

With the expectations of multiple guests brought up by students, the police plan to shed any sort of leniency they might have had to ensure the safety of all Spring Weekend participants this weekend.

Captain Michael McCabe of the Westfield Police Department said, "Students are here to have fun, but within reason."

The police do not want to see a student's future ruined over an incident that could have been prevented.

"We are looking at the big picture," McCabe said re-

garding the town as a whole. "The aftermath of a disaster or just a nuisance can be avoided if the initial consumption was nipped in the bud."

Officer Kevin Bard of the Westfield Community Police Unit patrols the area coined by the force as "college alley."

Earlier in the week Bard went around to many of the off-campus locations with a partying reputation with a clear message.

Bard said starting this Thursday night up until Sunday morning there will be constant patrol of the area.

The most common violations that are seen amongst college students are possession of alcohol underage and identity document forgery (fake ID).

All of the local liquor stores plan to card every person that attempts to purchase alcohol.

Manager of Tobacco Barn, Alejandro Oquendo, said that the new systems of identification are sophisticated enough to tell if someone is using a fake

ID at their store. The advanced ID detection machine scans every card and shows each category of ID validation.

"There are certain ones I can tell are fake but I run them through our detector anyways to be certain," said Oquendo.

He has also been involved in fake ID stings that were police ordered to catch perpetrators in the act of an illegal purchase.

If one gets caught using a fake ID it is an automatic loss of license, a hefty amount of fines, and is documented on record.

Westfield State is very a popular school for criminal justice and those who major in it have much more to lose when it comes to under-aged issues like these.

Students are encouraged to have fun during their Spring Weekend, but fun in a safe way.

The police will be in full force ready to take on any insanity that may arise on or off campus.

## Student's summer plans

### JR Nieb Voice Reporter

Dennis Murphy, a sophomore and criminal justice major at Westfield State University, said that this summer he's planning to go with his family to Los Angeles to see the X Games, maintain his summer job and hang out with his friends.

"I'll work 10 hours, depends on the job, 11 maybe," said Murphy about the hours a day he plans on working. "Or mostly just eight hours a day."

Murphy works five days a week.

One of Murphy's friends, who goes to WSU, has a boat, and they always go out on the lake. They'll go fishing, tubing, wakeboarding and hang out on the lake after they get out of work. Murphy also likes to dirt bike.

"I like dirt biking a lot just because I get to go out by myself, so I just go ride up the mountains," said Murphy. "And then, sometimes, I'll just go down to ride the track."

He is also going to hang out with a couple of his friends that go to school here at WSU.

"Mostly, I'll hang out with my old high school crew, we all get together in the summertime," said Murphy. "Sometimes, we'll all go out on the lake and just hang out."

Murphy said that he and his family will go out to Los Angeles a couple of days before the X Games, which are four days long. The Murphy family will go to all of the X Games events and then they'll leave the day after the last event.

Murphy said he likes to go to Tanglewood, a music festival that is located in Stockbridge, Mass., a town over where he lives.

"I'll go to Train or James Taylor," he said.

The last week or two of the summer is when Murphy buckles down for his move back to Westfield.

"At the end, usually I'll take a week off from work, just to get my mind focused on school," said Murphy. "And I'll start school shopping little by little every day."



# Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,

Thank you, students, for supporting MASSPIRG at Westfield State University.

This school year, MASSPIRG students on our 13 chapters across the state registered 11k students to vote in the presidential election, and collected over 10K public comments to ask Governor Deval Patrick to get Massachusetts on a path to zero waste and stop new incinerators from being built.

This semester, Westfield State students: Collected over 460 of those 10K public comments to ask Governor Patrick to get Massachusetts on a path to zero waste and stop new incinerators from being built, held lobby meetings with Representative Don Humason and Senator Michael Knapik to ask them to prioritize funding for more and better public transportation in Westfield and throughout Western Mass.

We also partnered with the Commuter Council and Environmental Services to distribute a survey to identify how to better serve the transit needs of commuter students. You can help by passing this email along to any commuter students you know.

We collected 11 endorsements from student leaders on campus in support of our campaign to stop student loan interest rates from doubling.

We'll be continuing this work next school year, when Westfield students will have the opportunity to vote to continue our support of a MASSPIRG student chapter through a \$9 per student, per semester waivable fee. Thanks again for your support!

Lindsay Jakows  
Campus Organizer

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thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.*

Dear Editors,

As college students, we are all familiar with the student loans that we are required to pay. We wouldn't be able to attend college without it; they are most certainly a necessary evil.

I appreciate the opportunity that I've been given to attend college and am indebted to Sallie Mae and the federal government for affording me that opportunity in more ways than just financially. I know that last sentence counters my conservative beliefs, but it's true.

The reality is that a quality college education is way too expensive to afford alone without the help from some other financial source.

According to MASSPIRG, the average Massachusetts college student will graduate with \$25,541 in debt. As of press time, my current debt is about \$18,000. Due to my increasing student debt, I made the active decision to commute from my home in Chicopee, Mass. to school in an effort to save money upfront.

I really regret having to make that decision as I am heavily involved in this newspaper and student government. And now there will be 20 minutes that will be between my commitments and I once I've left campus. The truth of the matter is that college is getting more and more expensive.

Recently, the House of Representatives within our State House approved a budget that allowed for tuition freezes for University of Massachusetts and State College/University systems. But unfortunately, that is not going to be enough. On July 1, 2013, the interest rate on subsidized Stafford loans will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on existing loans.

This raise was set to occur last year but miraculously, Congress was convinced to freeze the interest rates for another year.

I suggest we all call our Congressmen and Senators and relay our concerns about the interest rates increasing. I may be writing this letter on the behalf of MASSPIRG, an organization that I don't always support, but it affects all of us.

My first official loan payment will come due in December 2015, but the work we need to do for this issue begins now.

Joshua Clark  
Online Editor

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# Marathon tragedy shows America's true strength

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

Monday morning Massachusetts woke enthused to witness our greatest tradition. The Patriots Day celebration of the Boston Marathon garners strong support across the commonwealth.

The Red Sox were playing at 11 a.m. and it looked to be a good day. However, an unconscionable attack was waiting to disrupt the day.

At 2:45 p.m. the first bomb went off and twelve seconds later another was detonated. The blasts ultimately claimed the lives of three people and injured 183.

Most of the wounds were from crudely fashioned shrapnel. At least 13 people had limbs amputated due to the severity of their condition. The events are still being investigated and information is scarce.

Americans across the nation are praying for answers. Why did this happen? Who did this? Is it going to happen again?

As of today, these questions can't be answered sufficiently. However, looking at

this tragedy, rays of hope do exist.

Like most Americans, I was watching Wolf Blitzer on CNN into Monday evening. They showed a video taken by someone at the finish line. It showed both blasts and the events taking place thereafter. I was shocked upon witnessing the heroism displayed in that video.

Within seconds of the first explosion, citizens rushed towards the smoke to help the victims.

Runners were knocked to the ground, but they got up and started dragging the fence away to get to those caught in the carnage.

Police and first responders disappeared behind the cloud of smoke. People in the viewing stands leapt to their feet and tended to their fellow citizens.

One individual carried a man that had lost his leg in the explosion to first responders. Others tore off their clothes to apply makeshift tourniquets. Monday made us question our faith, but it also showed us that humanity is stronger than we knew possible.

The courage of those who ran towards the danger is more powerful than any bomb con-



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After the horrible incident at the Boston Marathon on Monday, Americans all joined together in support and #BostonStrong became a popular sight on Twitter.

structed by man.

As Americans we are currently uncertain about the future. What could this mean for our nation? I think most people had September 11 in the back of their minds.

Is this an act of war? Or is it the mark of a lone actor? Whoever did this wanted to hurt as many people as possible.

The bombs were constructed with ball bearings and nails. They were not built with C4 explosives and appeared to be crudely assembled.

It is clear that 'Marathon Monday' will never be the same, but it will go on. Boston and America are resilient. We will not let fear stop us from living our lives. That is evident in the videos shown on cable television.

We need not worry that the majority of our citizens are decent. America will rebound from these horrifying events. Boston has been terrorized by someone and we will get them.

President Obama told us that justice will prevail over

evil. It is only a matter of time before we find those responsible.

There are many questions that have yet to be answered. The unknown is currently the biggest fear. However, the admiration we feel for the heroes of Boston should be an indicator of our condition.

Americans are tough and we will not be bullied into abandoning liberty.

God bless Boston and may he bless the United States of America.

## New Zealand same-sex marriage bill shows lacking equal rights in U.S.

**Erika Hayden**  
Voice Reporter

In our country we pride ourselves in being diverse, but equal as each citizen. But still today in 2013 we see such a lack in progressive citizenship and creation and maintenance of equal rights.

Gay marriage is one of these social issues.

It is so hard in our country today to be able to benefit the lives of minority groups that af-

fect the individual, neighbor, or relative in the struggle to find equality.

On Wednesday, New Zealand passed same-sex marriage laws with the majority voting 77 to 44.

Louisa Wall, a bill sponsor, said, "In our society the meaning of marriage is universal- it's a declaration of love and commitment to a special person."

Wall's comment is something we all should consider. To move forward and modernize we must detach precon-

ceived notions and stereotypes of gays and others. We must not be afraid that the foundation of family will be obstructed, especially when we consider there is a 50 percent divorce rate currently in the United States.

Family should not be compromised because of the uniqueness of the love of another with an individual.

By neither legalizing same-sex marriage nor supporting other gay rights we are neglecting the promise of equality and celebration of diversity.

The attachment of po-

litical stigmas and social quotas has put a standstill on this debate, when it really should be no question at all.

The legalization of same-sex marriage in New Zealand is a breakthrough and should be praised solely for recognizing human rights and equality.

It is a big step forward and in a political and social way of saying to everyone internationally, "it's okay to be gay."

However this is not the first time New Zealand (and many other countries) has done something to progress its coun-

try before the United States. They legalized suffrage for all citizens, including women, decades before the U.S.

In recent years, New Zealand has made outstanding preservation of the environment and other green movements to benefit the planet.

It is clear that we are behind on our conscience and our actions.

We must stop sitting on bills and debate human rights movements. We must be proud to be American, equal and united.





# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

## Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



My final semester at Westfield State University is winding down.

There are only two more weeks of classes before finals week, and Commencement is less than a month away.

Things started to get scary this week when I claimed my Commencement tickets online and purchased my cap and gown. All the overused expressions apply in this instance, because these past four years really did go by way too fast.

This is one of the final editions of the *Donoghue Report* that will ever appear in The Westfield Voice. Only two more columns remain before my time at The Voice is officially up.

I've been scrolling through the archives recently, reminiscing about the articles and columns I've written over the past four years. Earlier this week I stumbled upon the first *Donoghue Report* that I ever wrote as a sophomore when I was Sports Editor for The Voice.

It was the first time my byline appeared outside of the Sports section, and set the tone for my future as the newspaper's Managing Editor and a weekly columnist.

But looking back at that column, which was a satirical rant about collective bargaining in Wisconsin and international issues across the Middle East, I couldn't help thinking that the sarcastic tone of my column featured a good deal of cynicism.

I'm glad that this column and my overall writing style have continued to improve over the last two years, and I'm thankful for the positive feedback and constructive criticism I've received from professors,

students, family and friends over that time.

I was writing an essay for my "Politics and the Family" political theory class last week, and the topic of that essay has sparked the focus of this week's column.

This week's column also connects to a special edition column I wrote last spring regarding poverty and homelessness in America.

I'd like to echo what President Obama stated in his State of the Union Address back in January and advocate this week for an increase to the federal minimum wage.

There is a systematic problem in the United States of America when two parents working full-time minimum wage jobs still find themselves under the poverty line, struggling to pay rent and put food on the table for their children.

On a side note, the poverty line, which was developed in the 1960s, also doesn't accurately reflect modern standards of tax and spending levels that impact the poor, and geographic differences are also not taken into consideration by the poverty line.

Okay, back to my main point. There is no doubt that the current federal minimum wage level is not adequate enough for people to support their families with an ever-rising cost of living.

President Obama has been criticized for the increased number of people using food stamps during his presidency, but one of the main reasons for this increase is that many working class families with minimum wage jobs don't have enough money to put food on the table.

Many people who need

assistance to purchase food don't even qualify for food stamps because they make just enough money to fall through the cracks of the federal welfare system; but these families, living paycheck to paycheck, often don't have enough money at the end of the month to purchase food and may end up going hungry because of this.

Raising the minimum wage would move some of the financial burden away from the government and into the private sector, eventually leading to a decrease in the number of people needing welfare benefits such as food stamps.

It would ensure that families living off minimum wage are able to support their children, and would allow the government to spend less overall on welfare programs (reducing our federal deficit) and focus their expenditures on people unable to find work.

I'm not an economist, but based on what I've seen and read, I have to disagree with those who believe raising minimum wage would result in massive layoffs. The overall annual salary increase per employee would not be great enough to cause major adverse consequences.

President George W. Bush once said it was "uniquely American" and "fantastic" when a divorced mother had to work three jobs in order to support her three children.

That pitiful statement should be the opposite of the American ideal. A hardworking mother should be able to have enough money to support her family from a single full-time job.

Being "uniquely American" should be working hard at one full-time job that allows a

person to put food on their table and sleep with a roof above their head.

But until a full-time minimum wage job allows a person to live above the poverty line, the American welfare system will be unable to support all Americans needing government assistance for a basic standard of living.

I hate to do this, but I need to completely switch subjects for just a minute. It's 6:00 on Wednesday night, April 17, and I just finished watching President Obama's speech in response to the Senate vote rejecting an expansion of background checks for purchasing guns.

What a powerful and emotional speech the clearly frustrated president just made.

And with 90 percent of Americans supporting this basic expansion of background checks, it really is unbelievable that Senate Republicans essentially ignored the people they're representing by voting down this proposal. As the president said, who do these senators think they're working for?

The president clearly has no plans to let gun control legislation fade away, and I've never seen him more upset at Congress for its inability to

come together and pass common sense legislation.

Before I conclude this week's column, I want to send my thoughts and prayers to the victims, families, and everyone affected by Monday's Boston Marathon bombings.

I'm sure that most people on this campus, myself included, had a friend or family member in Boston when this unthinkable tragedy occurred.

The innocent victims of these bombings have been on my mind all week, and the fact that this tragedy happened so close to home has made it all the more heart-wrenching.

I live 40 miles south of Boston, but I've grown up considering it my home city, and it just didn't seem real as I saw Boylston Street turn into an FBI crime scene with Massachusetts State Police vehicles rushing through Copley Square.

I have no doubt that the coward(s) responsible for this unthinkable act will be brought to justice and the City of Boston will come back from this tragedy stronger than ever.

Boston is a great town with great people, and I know that everyone on campus has all of those affected by these bombings in our hearts and minds. #BostonStrong

Do you agree or disagree with something that you read in *The Donoghue Report*?

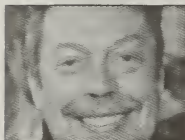
Do you have any topics you'd like to see Rob cover in next week's Report?

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# REFLECTIONS

By Matthew Futterleib

## Tim Curry – Born April 19, 1946



Born and raised in England, Tim Curry's affinity for drama and singing as a child led to a highly successful career in theatre and film. After graduating with a dual degree in English and drama, Curry concentrated on acting, quickly earning a side role in the successful British production of *Hair* in 1968. He met writer Richard O'Brien at this time, who would collaborate with Curry toward developing his definitive character, Dr. Frank-N-Furter from the Rocky Horror Picture Show. After performing as the flamboyantly mad scientist for two years on stage in London, Los Angeles and New York City, the play was adapted for

film. Curry was the clear choice to star, and his performance equally shocked and delighted audiences in 1975. His acting chops were later on display on Broadway's version of *Amadeus* in 1981 as the titular character, for which he was nominated for the "Best Leading Actor in a Play" Tony award. Curry proved his range to play any kind of character in 1982 as the villainous Rooster in *Annie*. Curry has developed a good reputation as a character actor in many popular films, including *Legend*, *Clue*, *Home Alone 2*, and *Muppet Treasure Island*. His unmistakable voice can be heard in many children's movies and shows, including *The Little Mermaid* and *Peter Pan* and the *Pirates*, but arguably his greatest medium is the stage, where he most recently starred in *Monty Python's Spamalot* from 2005 to 2007.

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## Oklahoma City Bombing – April 19, 1995

Picture a bomb, detonated in public with intent to cause mass murder among hundreds of innocent people without discretion. Recent events might draw attention to the carnage witnessed in Boston, but one should recall a larger scale bombing at the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City in 1995. Early morning on April 19, Timothy McVeigh parked a rented Ryder truck in front of the federal building, poised to commit the worst terrorist attack in American history to date. Inside his van, a makeshift bomb consisting of materials like fertilizer and diesel fuel were prepared to be ignited. A former U.S. soldier and security guard, McVeigh carefully plotted his escape from the site, sparking the fuse and fleeing

before detonation. The destruction was colossal, blowing out the entire face of the building. McVeigh's bomb killed 168 Americans, including 19 children, with dozens more injured. The FBI sprung upon the scene, scrambling for clues and discovering the truck's VIN. By tracing the number back to a body shop in Kansas, authorities were able to develop a composite sketch of McVeigh. To the FBI's surprise, McVeigh had already been apprehended 80 miles north of Oklahoma City for driving without a license plate and carrying a concealed weapon. The Oklahoma City National Memorial was completed on the site of the building to remember victims of the blast in 2000, and McVeigh was executed in 2001.

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## John Maynard Keynes – April 21, 1946

Born 1883 in Cambridge, England, John Maynard Keynes was born to economist John Neville and the city's first female mayor, Florence. With a pedigree boasting serious intelligence, Keynes would become the foremost economist in the field, first earning recognition as editor of the *Economic Journal* in 1911. Along with pioneering liberal capitalists like George Bernard Shaw, Keynes adapted many revolutionary criticisms of British economic policies during his time, including his correct warning of further conflict in Germany following the harsh reparations of World War I. His main interest was economic instability caused by inflation and unemployment, researched as a professor at Cambridge University. As chairman of Britain's Economic Advisory Council, Keynes controversially recommended increased govern-

ment spending to remedy the country's depression. The Keynesian theory of Economics is still taught and practiced today, most notably by the American government to maintain structure and protect the middle and lower classes. Much of his wisdom can be learned from reading his most important work, *A General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*, published in 1936. The book was so influential that it spanned across the Atlantic and inspired Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal to effectively alleviate the Great Depression. That same year, Keynes would decline in health from chronic heart trouble. He was still able to muster enough energy to write 1940's *How to Pay for the War*, concerning the outbreak of World War II, and serve in overseeing the Lend-Lease Act of 1941 before passing away five years later.

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# Dever Stage announces fundraising campaign for new grand piano

## WSU Press Release

"Keys to Our Piano" is a fundraising campaign coordinated by the Westfield State Foundation and Westfield State's Dever State.

The goal is to raise \$150,000 to purchase a new grand piano for the Westfield State University Department of Music. The initiative began with a benefit concert for the Composition Club by world renowned pianist, Peter Serkin, who performed at Dever Stage

on March 15, 2013.

The department produces about 70 public performances each year, most of which are free and open to the public.

This instrument will enhance those performances providing incomparable sound, performance and quality for the students at Westfield State. The piano will be used by students, faculty, and guest artists.

Individuals who name or purchase a key will have a permanently installed plaque in the Parenzo Lobby with their name on the appropriate key.

Individuals interested in supporting this musical endeavor may make a tax deductible contribution in any amount.

Individuals are also invited to name a key for themselves or loved ones for \$1,000, the Middle C Key for \$5,000 or contribute to the Friends of Music Key with your contribution.

Individuals interested in making a gift to the Keys to Our Piano can make a donation online at [westfieldalumni.org/give](http://westfieldalumni.org/give): Enter 'Piano' in "other" or send checks to 'Westfield State Foundation' PO Box 1630, Westfield,

Ma 01086.

The Campaign will run until all the keys are named. The Westfield State Foundation anticipates the concluding celebration to be in December.

"The Music Department is a hidden gem that should be

heard. With this campaign, we hope to create greater awareness of the exceptional talent of our students and the extraordinary proficiencies of our faculty," said Kandyye Aust, Executive Director of the Foundation.

Are there any concerts going on in our area of Western MA? Is there a play going on at WSU?

Are you involved?

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## Album reviews: Ephryme's sound the best on the list

Lyndon Seitz  
A&E Editor

### Ephryme: Dopestylevsky

This is the type of hip-hop that I hope to hear more of in the future. In addition to skill on the part of Ephryme, there are actually some interesting topics that are covered in the lyrics here, and it's incredibly refreshing to hear.

The production doesn't ever really repeat itself, and the variety in the beats might just be the biggest draw of this album.

The production does its best actually, when it goes off of the standard model you hear in today's hits, instead opting for harpsichords and violins. While a few tracks might not be all that great, the album as a whole is outstanding, and I highly recommend it.

**Sounds:** Dappled Cities

This is rock that borders somewhere between Arcade Fire and The Killers. At times I feel like they are trying too hard to be Arcade Fire, which is a pity because they didn't do a very good job of it.

Instead of the sound I imagine they are going for on this album, which would hopefully immerse the listener, they come across as noisy and overwhelming in the worst of ways.

At times, the music is even unnerving and uncomfortable to listen to. Some of the tracks are better than others, but none are outstanding. It's not that bad, but the album is not really worth the time and money.

**Astronautalis: This Is Our Science**

Most of their songs follow a formula that goes back and forth between rock and rap, although there isn't much

singing of any sort on this album. This wears thin on the patience very quickly, and it doesn't help that the tracks that don't follow this formula aren't all that spectacular.

At times it seems as though they are trying to be experimental, but it doesn't seem all that successful. The only good track is the last track, "Lift The Curse," which has a better sense of timing and buildup than the other tracks and best shows the band's potential.

While this means nothing in and of itself, there's nothing special going on here. I would recommend giving this one a pass.

**Snew You: Snew**

This band got its cues from ACDC, in fact it got all of its cues from ACDC. There are wailing guitars galore backed by vocals that blur the line between singing and screaming.

Almost needless to say, I don't sense much creativity in the music here. It's got the same problem as many other bands of this nature, and that is that their albums are mostly the same thing over and over again. I really can't say there's anything here for anyone.

**Pitchshifter: What You See Is What You Get**

This is a metal band that keeps grinding against the ear, and not in any way pleasant to my ear. There is no order to this music whatsoever, and if that is their goal, I might wish to recommend a new goal.

They include unnecessary noises, screeching, and sounds that make an otherwise decent metal EP into something rather unpleasant. Four out of the six tracks are live, and this does not help matters. After listening to it, I would only recommend it to masochists.

## Movie review: 'Jurassic Park' in 3D captures the fun of original

Brad Avery  
Voice Reporter

This isn't a review, it's a love letter.

"Jurassic Park" may be the first movie I could ever call my favorite. I try to avoid nostalgia as a principle, but "Jurassic Park" is so ingrained in my childhood that I wasn't sure going in if I'd be able to look at it without my memories of watching it on the portable TV during car rides or playing the Sega Genesis game clouding my opinion.

I mean it is even possible to disconnect myself from the thought of the "Jurassic Park" ride at Universal Studios or remembering when I would hold my plastic cassette recorder up to the TV to record my favorite lines?

Well, yes, it is. But that's only because "Jurassic Park"

doesn't need rose-colored glasses to be great. Watching it on a big screen, in 3D, is like experiencing it for the first time.

Its sounds and images wash over you. All that wonder and excitement you used to feel is still just as fresh and energizing. It's a movie that doesn't need to be a part of my childhood to make me feel like a kid again. It does that all on its own.

I guess what makes "Jurassic Park" work so well is that Steven Spielberg just gets movies. He understands what makes them work, what makes them enjoyable. He makes the kind of films he wants to see.

A great part of Spielberg's talent is that he has perfected that balance between humanism and spectacle. The characters in "Jurassic Park" are fully developed. We learn who these people are and we care about them. Sure, the film could just shove

dinosaurs in our face every chance it gets, but it doesn't.

Spielberg realizes that as much as we want to see T-Rexes and raptors, we ultimately care more about Alan Grant, Ellie Sattler, and Ian Malcolm. We're afraid of the T-Rex because we don't want to see them die, and we're in awe of the brachiosaurus because they're in awe of it.

Think back to that scene right when they get to the park, and we see the first dinosaurs of the film.

We don't see the brachiosaurus right away; instead we see Dr. Alan Grant's (Sam Neill) jaw drop. The camera lingers on him for a moment before he makes Dr. Sattler (Laura Dern) turn her head and then her jaw drops. It's only then that the camera cuts away, right as the orchestral score swells, that we see the dinosaurs for the first time. And then our jaws drop.

And that's what Spiel-

berg wants - for us to become a part of the movie. The action is all suspense-based. When the T-Rex attacks the jeeps during the rain storm it's not a quickly paced scene. It's slow, and that allows tension to build. It doesn't just move in and start tearing things apart; instead it eyes the cars figuring out what's going on - and that's scary as hell.

Like Alfred Hitchcock once said, "There is no terror in the bang, only in the anticipation of it." Even when there is action and it's stepping on the overturned car, with the children still inside, it's not a quick motion. It's a bit at a time, and each time the car sinks deeper into the mud your chest tightens a little more.

I could probably go on forever. The way every actor perfects their characters (especially Richard Attenborough, like in that perfect scene where

he's eating ice cream with Laura Dern), the way Spielberg wears his influences on his sleeve while still seamlessly weaving them together (it takes from everything from Alien to Citizen Kane), or even just that it's non-stop fun.

That's the word I've been trying to find to describe this movie: Fun. "Jurassic Park" is just ridiculously fun. No matter what is happening you're either laughing, terrified, or electrified. Every element of this movie is designed to make sure you're always having the time of your life while watching it.

As for the 3D, the transfer is fantastic. For a movie that's twenty years old it almost looks as if it was shot in 3D to begin with. And if any movie should have been shot in 3D, it's "Jurassic Park." It's just one more way the film completely immerses you in its world.

**Grade: A+**

## Bridgewater stymies Westfield in women's lacrosse showdown

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Entering their MASCAC battle with Bridgewater State on Tuesday night, April 16, the Westfield State women's lacrosse team was flying sky high with a six-game winning streak.

However, the team knew that those wins meant nothing if they could not contend with an upper tier team like the Bears, who consistently produce great teams every season.

In a hotly contested matchup, the Bears came out victorious over the Owls by a score of 12-9.

Women's lacrosse, which is much different from the men's game where more physical play is encouraged, is less physical but more demanding of speed and quick stick handling.

These are skills that senior captain Maura Stack certainly possesses.

Unfortunately for the Owls, the Bears played a magnificent defensive face guarding strategy against Stack, Westfield's leading scorer and last week's MASCAC women's lacrosse player of the week.

Stack was only able to get off one shot in the game late in the second half. With Stack held in check, it was up to other Owls to step up, and sophomore attacker Amanda Bouchard did just that with four goals in the contest. Bouchard scored two goals late in the second half to bring Westfield to within three goals of Bridgewater at 11-8 with 6:19 left in the game.

But the Owls were unable to complete the late-game comeback attempt and saw their record fall to 8-3 on the year (3-1 MASCAC record). The Bears improved to 11-1 on the season (3-0 MASCAC) with the victory.

Westfield freshman goalie Mimi Khampaeng had 12 saves and four ground balls against Bridgewater.

Westfield head coach Greg Styles said that the Owls let the game get away from them.

"We had a lot of crucial mistakes and (Bridgewater) capitalized on them, plain and simple," Styles said.

As for Bridgewater's success at limiting his best player, Stack, Styles said, "Teams all year have been trying to stop Maura by face guarding her. This time it worked, but I was happy to see other players step up and fill the void.

"I hope to see (Bridgewater) in the conference championship game, with a different result than tonight's game," Styles added.

Westfield's next home game is on Saturday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. against Massachusetts Maritime.

## Westfield baseball falls 10-3 to WNEU

*WSU Athletic Department*

The Western New England University baseball team used a five-run eighth inning and solid pitching performances from Trevor Breton and Kevin Jefferis to beat Westfield State, 10-3, Wednesday, April 17, at Trelease Park in non-conference baseball action.

The Golden Bears improve to 20-8, while the visiting Owls drop to 12-15.

Western New England was able to get on the board in the first inning on a two-run single by designated hitter Steve Buckley (1-4, 3 RBI), and then again in the fourth when Tim Budd came around to score on a throwing error by Westfield pitcher Joe Alibrandi.

The Owls responded with two runs of their own in the top of the fifth, on a two-run single by center fielder Kevin Greene.

Western New England led

5-3 after seven innings, and was able to expand its lead to 10-3 in the bottom of the eighth.

Breton (4-1) managed to make it through six innings while only giving up two earned runs and striking out five in a winning effort.

Westfield pitchers struggled with their control in the game, walking seven and hitting six Golden Bears with pitches. Owls starter Dan Whigham (0-1) was hit with the loss, going only three innings before being pulled in favor of Alibrandi.

Although Westfield only scored three runs in the contest, the first six hitters in their lineup all had multi-hit days.

The Owls were paced offensively by leadoff man Pat McWilliams (3-5), Greene (2-4, 3 RBI) and designated hitter Nick Champeau (2-4). Westfield State returns home for a MASCAC doubleheader with Fitchburg State on Saturday, April 20, beginning at noon.

## Bruins trying to put it all together heading into playoffs

**Ryan Sances**  
Voice Reporter

With less than two weeks remaining in the NHL regular season, the playoffs are right around the corner for the Boston Bruins. With the team looking to make a deep run, several key factors will determine how far this team will go.

The biggest key to the Bruins' playoff success will be the team's consistency. After getting off to one of the best starts in team history following the NHL lockout, the Bruins have been far less consistent.

One big reason for this has been the lack of consistent

production from Boston's top line. Left wing Milan Lucic has scored only six goals so far this season, a much lower total than the team is looking for from its first line winger.

Another issue that has plagued the team all season has been the play of the team's third line. The Bruins hope that the long-awaited addition of Swedish forward Carl Soderberg and the return of injured center Chris Kelly can help stabilize the line which has undergone a number of changes and combinations throughout the season, none of which have proven to be overly successful.

Perhaps the biggest issue that the Bruins have faced all

season has been the lack of production in their power play.

The B's power play ranks only 23rd in the NHL and has been the team's biggest weakness all season.

Although the Bruins won a Stanley Cup in 2011 with an anemic power play, a more productive power play would certainly make the goal of winning another Cup significantly easier.

A possible boost to the power play could very well come in the form of future Hall of Famer Jaromir Jagr, who was acquired in a trade with the Dallas Stars prior to the trade deadline.

Since joining the Bruins,

Jagr has been frequently double shifted on the power play by head coach Claude Julien in an attempt to help get the power play to become more effective.

Aside from all of these factors, the most important player to the Bruins' playoff hopes may very well be starting goaltender Tuukka Rask.

Rask, who ranks in the top-five in the NHL in both save percentage and goals against average, has been strong in net for the Bruins throughout the regular season.

However, it remains to be seen how well Rask performs in the postseason as he has big shoes to fill since taking the starting goaltending job follow-

ing the departure of 2011 Conn Smythe Trophy winner Tim Thomas.

While repeating Thomas' Conn Smythe performance in 2011 is an unrealistic and unfair expectation, Rask will nonetheless have to perform well for the Bruins to have any hope of making it deep into the postseason.

Despite the issues and question marks surrounding the Bruins heading into the playoffs, this team still possesses one of the deepest and most talented rosters in the Eastern Conference and without a doubt should be considered a legitimate Stanley Cup contender at the outset of the playoffs.

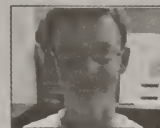


# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



A seemingly routine, yet high-pressure chip shot on Fire Thorn, the 15th hole at Augusta National, last Friday afternoon served unforgiving to four-time green jacket winner Tiger Woods.

At initial impact, Woods' approach to the back left pin seemed to be dead at the flag stick with impending back spin to make what could have easily been a birdie.

After Woods' ball ricocheted off the pin and was essentially slapped back into the water guarding the green, the 14-time major champion made the mistake of making an improper drop behind his original shot attempt.

The major theme of this

shot sequence on Friday afternoon in Augusta, Ga., should not have been a debate over whether a disqualification was warranted for Woods.

Traditionalists have affirmed that this situation may blur the rules of golf, turning black and white rules into a grey area.

A fairly new law of golf, established in 2011, Rule 33-7 protects golfers in scenarios such as these, giving officials an opportunity to review "extraordinary circumstances" in determining how the player is penalized and whether it be disqualification or a stroke penalty.

Old school golf historians will argue that Woods signed

an incorrect scorecard, failing to realize that Woods signed for an accurate score based on the information at the time.

The head of the Masters Rules Committee, Fred Ridley, and the rest of the committee deemed that Woods' situation was an exception that fell under this new rule, administering a two-stroke penalty to the world's number one golfer.

Come Saturday morning, the Masters Committee was not even entertaining the notion of disqualifying Woods for his illegal drop. In fact, following their well thought-out assessment, the board informed the governing bodies of golf their ruling, where they would gain the approval of their verdict in

the situation.

The Masters retains a level of class above petty theories accusing them of keeping Woods in the field for profit and ratings of the tournament. Suspicion like this is beneath what this storied tournament and its founding fathers stand for.

Last year's Masters champion, Bubba Watson, came to Tiger's defense, stating that Woods was essentially called out on a technicality by a television viewer who called in, a ruling that would not have been administered to a golfer with half the amount of following Woods draws.

The greater impact of this freak landing on the 15th hole was the four strokes Woods

lost by the ill-fated kick.

What could have been a birdie 4, based on the fantastic shot, turned into a triple-bogey 8, resulting in a four-stroke drop, which ironically was the number of shots he lost to tournament champion Adam Scott by. Assuming Woods had won, based on how much he earned for his fourth place tie to the winnings the first place finisher was awarded, his misfortune would have resulted in a loss of \$1,088,000, 465 more points in the FedEx Cup standings and, of course, his 15th major championship.

Instead, Woods' ex-caddy Steve Williams benefited from his new employer's first major championship.

## Opinion: NBA draft eligibility rules need to be changed

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Now I know that the majority of people are not paying close attention to players declaring early for the NBA draft or choosing to stay in school with all of the other major sports going on this month, but I just wanted to bring attention to the travesty that is occurring.

The NBA is killing men's basketball one player at a time.

In 1974 the NBA started to allow players who had graduated high school to enter the NBA draft. Players like Moses Malone, Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Tracy McGrady all came out of high school without attending college.

However, after an influx of high school busts like Eddie Curry, Kwame Brown and other failures, David Stern decided to

put an age eligibility limit in the CBA for players declaring for the draft.

While Stern wanted it to be a 20-year-old age requirement, the players' union wanted it to be 19. Thus, a player must be 19 years old to declare for the NBA draft, but in essence can declare for the draft after their first year of college if they want to.

But my major issue with this rule is with both Stern and the CBA. The rule you have in place currently is one that hurts not only college basketball, but also the players who are physically and mentally prepared for the NBA.

The NBA should follow the model of Major League Baseball, a league that allows players to declare for the draft after their senior year of high school, but states that if they are not drafted or do not declare that they must play two seasons

of college ball.

This idea seems so simple and it completely baffles me that this is not done.

Does the NBA not realize that most players who declare after their freshman year are only completing one semester worth of college classes?

That is not college; the first semester for every college student is made up of introductory courses, which are quite simple. It makes a mockery out of the educational system that these players are only going to class for one semester.

Thus, the NBA should allow the players who feel that they are ready for the NBA to enter the league after high school. If they are ready, they are ready.

If you are going to school then you should stay there for at least two years. That would not only allow these student athletes to attend classes and get



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Kevin Garnett and LeBron James both entered the NBA straight out of high school.

an education, but it would give college basketball an opportunity to grow as a sport.

That is not like what we have now, where you have these one and done kids who do not really make an impact in the college game.

The secret point of this whole idea is that by having

these players stay for two years, the NCAA can market them and make more money off apparel.

So let's have the best of both worlds and allow players to make the decision to go pro after high school if they feel they are ready. But if not, then make them stay in college for at least two years.



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**Aries****(March 21 - April 20)**

A wild beast of an obsession might rear its ugly head in you this week, and you will be unable to control yourself. You can try preparing yourself or you can lock yourself in a room for the next week.

**Taurus****(April 21 - May 21)**

You will have difficulties with certain private issues you have been dealing with for quite a while now. You will want to consult your private horoscope for that.

**Gemini****(May 22 - June 21)**

You will want to spend this week trying to rediscover yourself. Not that you really need it, you're already pretty fantastic. However, you can be even more fantastic, if such a thing is possible.

**Cancer****(June 22 - July 22)**

Try and feel good this week. While it won't make your relatively terrible life situation any worse, perhaps the positive outlook will help give you hope for the future. You will need all of the hope you can acquire.

**Leo****(July 23 - August 23)**

This is your show, and you can have whatever characters you wish in it, although once they are in, you cannot control their actions. Do try not to include any incredibly boring ones or ones with eye patches.

**Virgo****(August 24 - September 22)**

While there is a new type of product that everyone buys today that the stars refuse to specify for their own safety, don't buy it. You will be better off and the second it becomes unpopular you will be cool again (or as cool as you were, if you weren't cool before).

**Libra****(September 23 - October 22)**

In the realms of romance you will meet the unexpected if you rush too quickly. Although all things in love reveal themselves in due time whether you wish them to or not.

**Scorpio****(October 23 - November 21)**

You'll want to pay special attention to weddings in the near future, especially to the ones where you are a prominent guest. Also, never eat the shrimp cocktail unless the bride's dress looks like it cost more than ten grand.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 - December 21)**

You might feel as though this week will be all a dream. If you're still reading at this point, either you are awake or something terrible has happened and you cannot escape from your dream world.

**Capricorn****(December 21 - January 20)**

Never be what others want you to be or do what they tell you to. Instead, do what this horoscope tells you to do and do the opposite of what everyone else tells you to do, including this horoscope.

**Aquarius****(January 21 - February 19)**

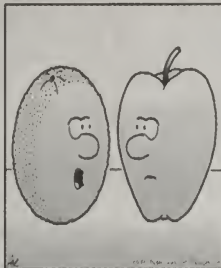
Home will be calling back to you, yet you don't even know where home is, do you? Do you even have a home? Do you want one? Your home can be in these words if you'd like.

**Pisces****(Feb. 20 - March 20)**

Mysteries galore await you if you step outside, but you don't need to solve any of them. You can stay inside if you want, but wouldn't you like to know what the mysteries are?

**THE JOKE'S ON YOU**

by Phil Ryder &amp; YOU

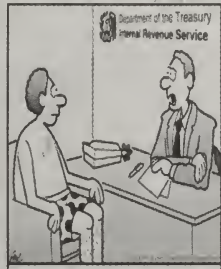


"Will you just say, 'Banana who?' and go along with the joke already?"

- MadBassist - New York

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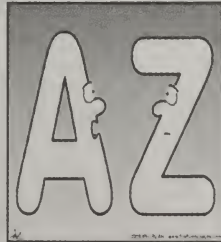


"If it's any consolation to you, we're giving you an extension of one week to surrender your boxers."

- Low Man Cheng - Singapore

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"It's true! I've been cheating on you with E, I, O, U, and, yes, sometimes Y!"

- scotty - parts unknown

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# The Westfield Voice

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## Timeflies 'holds it down like Nestor' at WSU concert

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

Spring Weekend. A time at Westfield State University known for day drinking, heightened security in residence halls, and of course, the Spring Weekend concert.

This year, a crowd of 525 students gathered in the Woodward Center to welcome musical duo, Timeflies to campus. Timeflies is the musical lovechild of vocalist Cal Shapiro and producer Rob Resnick, both of whom attended Tufts University in Medford, MA.

Opening for Timeflies was Jake Miller, the Florida-based rapper with singles such as "Beast Mode" and "Like Me." Miller got his rise to fame as a YouTube sensation. In 2011, he opened for both then-Snoop Dogg, now Snoop Lion, and Mac Miller.

Miller played a set of about five songs, featuring the songs "Goodbye" and "Let You Go" from his new EP. The crowd sang along with Miller's lyrics, getting amped up for the main event.

Finally, after about a ten-minute intermission, Cal and

Res appeared on stage. The audience screamed, while the females in the crowd swooned. Timeflies is predominantly famous for covering popular songs, as well as their own original singles, and they didn't disappoint their Westfield State audience.

After starting the show with a few songs, Cal stopped singing to talk about the week-long tragedy the City of Boston endured.

Cal began a "Boston Strong" chant in which the crowd happily responded to

Thinking he was done and ready to move on, Cal stopped chanting. But, Westfield State was not ready to stop showing their Boston Pride. A chant of "USA" began, to which Cal, and his swoon-worthy smirk, joined in.

Two nights before, Timeflies performed for a sold-out crowd at the House of Blues in Boston. That performance was just three days after the Boston Marathon tragedies. To lift the spirits of Bostonians, Cal and Res compiled a freestyle rap of all things Boston.

At the WSU performance, the duo performed some of their original songs for their new EP, such as "Swoon" and "I Choose U" as well as cover songs such as Rihanna classic "We Found Love."

The highlight of the show was when Campus Activities Board secretary and president-elect Steve Kligerman presented Cal with a Westfield baseball cap to which Cal followed with an original freestyle rap to the beat of Ke\$ha's "Die Young" of all things Westfield, thanks to a list CAB put together for

them.

The crowd went crazy when Cal spit out the lyrics, "I can hold it down like Nestor the Owl!", "Walking down Mechanic Street", and "Every night getting [expletive] at Tommy D's."

Other mentions included Brown Bag Bingo, Pandini's Meal Deal, buying alcohol at Super Phipps, calling Stanley Park "Stanley Beach", Westfield "Lake" when it's raining, 24 hour quiet hours, and MoFroyo.

After their last song, Timeflies thanked Westfield for coming out and promptly left the stage. The crowd roared, "one more song," repeatedly. Not only did Timeflies come out for an encore, but Cal was donning a Westfield State t-shirt. Any type of screaming the crowd did previously seemed like a whisper to that moment.

Timeflies played two more songs, including their rendition of The Little Mermaid's "Under the Sea", a song that is definitely not rated D for "Disney."

For a concert that most were wary about because of its noon start time, Timeflies managed to pump Westfield State up for the remainder of Spring Weekend.



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Timeflies' Cal Shapiro was a hit at last weekend's Spring Weekend concert.

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The Seagull  
Ely Studio Theatre

8:00p.m.  
Mentalist: Robert Channing  
The Nest

**Saturday, April 27**

12:00p.m.  
Pump Up the Frequency  
Campus Green

7:30p.m.  
SGA Presents: Mr.  
Westfield  
Dever Stage

**Sunday, April 28**

12:00p.m.  
Baseball vs. Curry College  
Alumni Field

8:00p.m.  
Board Games  
The Nest

## Update from SGA

**Rebecca DiVico**  
Voice Reporter

SGA had Mike Knapik, Massachusetts State Senator, as the guest speaker. He spoke about the state budget and took questions from Senate.

Stephanie Close, President, thanked the Westfield State students from the EMT club and the National Guard who helped during the aftermath of the bombings in Boston.

She also reported that Vanessa Diana from the English department held a run that the public could participate in

on Sunday and they rose over \$7000! The SGA elections went well and we had 578 people vote.

Taylor Fote, Vice President of Student Life, spoke about the blood drive that happened in Parenzo Gym last Wednesday.

126 pints of blood were collected which could potentially save 378 lives!

The Student Government's next is Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 5:30 in the SGA room located in the garden level of Ely, next to Dunkin Donuts. All meetings are open to the public.

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Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



# WSU ranks fourth in RecycleMania

**Alex Myers**  
Editor-in-Chief

The 2013 Recyclemania competition has ended and Jim Rovezzi, Director of Environmental Services, said WSU did the best it's ever done since entering the tournament in 2010.

This year's results show that nationally, WSU came in second place for paper and fourth place per capita recycling a total of 48.49 pounds per student, according to recyclemania.org. Per capita is the total amount of recycling based on the faculty and student population.

For the 2013 state results, WSU ranked first in paper and per capita, second in cans and bottles, and third in cardboard.

For comparison purposes, Rovezzi provided the 2010 results: Second place nationally in paper and in the top ten for per capita. WSU also came in second for state per capita and third in state for cardboard.

Rovezzi said that WSU placing higher than ever was a collaborative effort between faculty and students and, he said, "We're really proud of that."

What Rovezzi believes helped WSU climb to second place nationally was the 42,000 pounds of paper recycled in mid-March.

The library was looking to do away with books that were never used and because of that, WSU moved out of third place and up to second.

Another factor he said

contributed to the success was including Landsdowne Place in the recording of recyclables.

Rovezzi said this year the Environmental Services department added eight recycle containers to the previous two that were at Landsdowne.

"They filled between six and eight every week," he said. "Students at Landsdowne did a nice job."

As far as how Rovezzi thinks WSU will stack up for the 2014 competition, he said, "I expect to do as well or better next year."

Because of the high ranks WSU received nationally, Rovezzi said he expects the Department of Environmental Protection to recognize the school nationally for its achievements in recycling.

# Coffey Break with Megan Patterson

by Kylie Coffey



Hometown: Billerica, MA  
Major: Movement Science

1. What was the highlight of your Spring Weekend?  
Being the official self-proclaimed officiator of the 2013 Ruit Tournament.
2. How many tattoos do you have? Which one is your favorite?  
I have two. The one on my wrist is my favorite because my mom and I got matching tattoos. It has sentimental value because she lives in Florida.
3. What is your ideal Saturday for you?  
Sleeping until noon, getting an omelette, listening to Dirty Mike and the Boys with the 2D3 girls, and going to Tommy D's.
4. If you could be on any reality show, which one would it be?  
I'd be on The Amazing Race with my dad as my partner because he's tough and we'd win.
5. What is your favorite ride at Disney World?  
Is this a real question? Obviously, the Buzz Lightyear ride. Who doesn't want to defeat Emperor Zurg?
6. What were you doing when the Marathon bomber was caught?  
I was listening to the police scanner, watching the news and texting my parents, and doing laundry.
7. What do you have to say to your friends that are graduating?  
To Whom It May Concern, Westfield will not be the same without you. Get a job so that you can move out of your poor parent's house.
8. What Disney Princess would you be?  
Ariel. She's my girl.

If you would like to be the in the Voice's spotlight for the week - or know someone who deserves it - email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.

*To Samantha Fahey and Alex Myers,  
The Westfield Voice  
Co-Editors-in-Chief for three years'  
unprecedented service;*

*To Rob Donoghue, for four years in a variety of roles,  
official and unofficial;*

*To Kylie Coffey and all other senior staff, for your valuable  
contributions.*

*For 4 years of work to make The Westfield Voice the consistently high quality publication that it has become during  
your stewardship.*

*And to all continuing editors and contributors, and to the  
new editorial staff,*

*we look forward to working with you to produce the fine  
newspaper that the seniors will be leaving us to steer into  
the future*

*Faculty advisors, Glen Brewster  
and George Layng*

## Banquet honors Res. Hall Association

**Joshua Clark**  
Online Editor

The Residence Hall Association Banquet was held Monday night in the Scanlon Banquet Hall to honor those that served on the councils and who made a lasting impact within the residences they serve.

Michelle Springer, current RHA Secretary and President-elect, started the evening by welcoming the guests and getting them in line for food.

Ryan Daley, RHA Vice President of Apartment Style Housing, thanked the advisors, Aimee Bishop and Billy Dunn, for their service and cooperation during the year.

Shannon O'Connor, a Resident Assistant in Scanlon, won the award for "Most Involved RA in Hall Council," which was handed out by Steven Mailloux, SGA Liaison.

He cited her perpetual attendance at every Hall Council meeting, her willingness to drive councilors to Walmart for events, and her consistent support of their initiatives as the driving force behind the award.

The award for "Best Hall Council Event" was given to the Apartment Complex for their "Programs A La Carte" event.

Elizabeth LaBak, RHA Vice President of Programming, said that the event drew huge crowds from the residents and that it was their most successful event.

Bridget McNay from the Davis Hall Council, won the award for "Hall Council Member of the Year."

Ashley Fyfe, RHA Vice President of Traditional Style Housing, said that her guidance, willingness to help, and her service as Vice President of Davis Hall were leading factors in their choice.

Ryan Losco, president of Scanlon Hall Council, won the "Hall Council President of the

Year" award.

Springer, who presented Losco with the award, said that Losco's leadership and constant strive for excellence has brought the council to new heights.

The Courtney Hall Council was the recipient of the "Hall Council of the Year" award.

Jessica McKinnon, RHA Vice President of Finance, cited the newsletter written by the Hall Council, the improvements made in the morale of the Council itself, and the incredible amount of effort shown in the second semester as the reasoning behind their choice.

After the senior pins were distributed, Alex Keefe, former president of the RHA, spoke to introduce Brady Kerr, the current president.

Keefe named Kerr as a co-founder of the organization and cited his help in the peephole project in Courtney Hall and his impeccable work ethic during his introduction.

Keefe said, "Being the President of this association is one which is met with many challenges, but he has pushed through all of them and excelled everyone's expectations."

Kerr started his speech by thanking the Hall Councils for making the Banquet a success and working so hard during the

school year.

He then talked about the Residence Hall Association, an organization that he has led for the past year.

He said, "The RHA is more than any one individual... We have the ability to work directly with hall councils and the department of residential life to get things done that matter."

After thanking the advisors of the RHA, Kerr went on to offer some advice. He spelled out the difference between arguments of the mind and arguments of the heart.

He encouraged the attendees to always make informed decisions that take the heart and the mind into account.

He also reminded them that their "investment in an education pays for administrators to keep their jobs. Never let them forget that this is your community, you built it and you paid for it."

He summarized his advice with a quotation by Dr. Seuss, "Be who you are and say what you mean. Because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Brady Kerr's term as president of the Residence Hall Association ends on May 1, when Michelle Springer takes over.

## Editor's Desk



I'll miss my family. I'll miss our home.

Thank you all for everything. College wouldn't have been the same without each and every one of you and the experiences we've had.

See next week for more.

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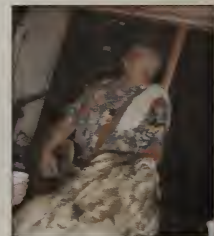
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# Is it too expensive to live on campus?

**Keith Watts**  
Voice Reporter

As a result of the increasing costs, many students are not considering living on campus, preferring either to live off-campus or commute.

The least expensive residence halls on campus, such as Lammers Hall and Scanlon Hall, cost \$2760 a semester this year.

The most expensive place to live on campus is New Hall at \$3985 per semester. That is a 3% increase compared to the 2011-2012 academic year.

But it is not only housing that is becoming more expensive on campus; everything else on the students' bills has increased.

In the last year, parking decal prices have raised to \$100 for full-time students. For this year, the mandatory fees went up by \$400.

Some students believe that changing Westfield State from a "college" to a "university" is to blame for the increasing costs.

"Ever since the school changed its name to a 'university,' prices have spiked up," said Theresa McAssin, a senior commuter student.

However, according to Carlton Pickron, the Vice President of Student Affairs, that is not the case.

Even before Westfield-State changed its name, the cost of attendance and the associated fees had increased every year.

The increasing costs pay for campus utilities and construction, including the upcoming suite-style University Hall, as well as to compensate for what the state doesn't pay

for the school.

"The school receives only 30% of its funds from the state," Pickron said, "For a school known as 'Westfield State,' the state barely gives us a leg to stand on."

According to Joshua Hettrick, Assistant Director of Residential Life, there are currently 4,500 full-time students who attend Westfield State, and out of that number, roughly 2,800 students live on campus.

Despite the large gap, Hettrick noted that the number of commuters and off-campus students has only slightly increased compared to last year.

"We have more students that live on-campus than off-campus," Hettrick explains. "Some students have a variety of reasons to live off campus, but most live here to enjoy the college experience."

However, to most commuters and students living off campus, the increasing expenses to attend Westfield State have indeed influenced their decision to not live on campus.

Some students and their families have commitments such as bills, part-time jobs, and people they have to support, that would make the cost of on-campus housing even more of a financial burden.

"It's definitely getting more expensive to live on campus," McAssin says, "That's the argument I made to my dad."

Although her father paid for her tuition and bill, McAssin chose to commute to help her family save money.

Students who commute and live off-campus reason that it is less expensive than living on-campus, and doing so would have them avoid paying other fees, such as the

meal plans.

Other students who live nearby, including the city of Westfield itself, find little point with living on campus since they already live close to the college.

"It's like \$200 a month to live in a place with five people," says a junior residing at Lakewood Village, "That's a big improvement over living on campus."

Living on campus for the current academic year costs from \$5320 to \$7720. On top of that, the highest meal plan is 19 meals per week and costs \$3433. This could potentially add up to \$11,000 on the students' bill.

"If you don't live on campus, you don't have to pay for the meal plan," says another Westfield State junior. "You just saved about \$3000 right there."

A majority of students living on campus are out-of-state or international students who have no other place to stay in Massachusetts; so to them, living on campus is a necessity.

"It may be expensive to live here, but I have to stay somewhere," Maria Vasquez, a senior and New York native explains. "I don't know anyone in Massachusetts, and besides, I want to enjoy the college experience."

Even though there are more full-time students living on campus than off campus, the increasing expenses would most likely influence the ever-increasing number of commuters and off-campus residents.

This would be the case even after University Hall is completed, as it would be one of the more expensive places to live on campus at \$3935 a semester.

## Editor's Desk



The actual last final moment is here. Well, in terms of the paper. This is the last Editor's Desk I will write and the last newspaper I will help put together.

I have a lot more to say than what I can type in this little space, so stay tuned to next week when we all give our final goodbyes. But with what I can fit I want to say how absolutely rewarding these past three years have been. I have loved every second of serving as Co-Editor-in-Chief and it's by and large the piece of my four years I will miss the most.

This is a surreal moment for me. And I'm sure it is for all of my best friends and senior staff members on the paper. I will give them all a proper shout out next week as well, but again, to all of you: It's been amazing working with, meeting, and becoming friends with you. Thanks for making my four years here the best it could have been.

And, also quickly, thank you to Professors Brewster and Layng for your guidance and support; And to all the professors in the Communication Department. You're all the best.

I hope Samantha and I have served you well as Editors-in-Chief. And now with all of that, it's time to end my final Editor's Desk. Thank you all so much!

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# Westfield State helps Kiwanis Club reach \$40,000 at auction

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

On March 3, 2013, Westfield State University hosted the 44th annual Westfield Kiwanis Club Auction. The organization raised \$40,000, an amount in which, according to Ken Magarian, Director of Special Programs and Community Service, "every single penny will go to charity."

More than 300 items were held up for auction. The highest bidding item was a "Kiwanis Treasure Chest" featuring items such as a Kindle Fire tablet, an office chair, a multitude of restaurant gift cards, lottery tickets, etc. Another "big ticket" item included a trip to Aruba, a trip to Hilton Head, S.C., Red Sox

and Celtics tickets, and a three-credit graduate or undergraduate course at Westfield State.

Westfield State students in the Communication and Computer and Information Science departments work the auction every year using the skills they learn in the classroom to develop real-world experience.

Under the direction of Mark St. Jean, Coordinator of Video Production and Television Operations, a team of students filmed the auction and broadcast it on Channel 15, the local public access channel.

Dr. James Carabetta, chair of the Computer and Information Science department, directs a group of select students to refine the software database developed by the department over the past several years.



"The annual Westfield Kiwanis TV Auction has been a staple here in the 'Whip City' for over 44 years," said Magarian. "It began in a small radio station in Westfield and then

moved to the Westfield State campus in the early 1990's. About 10 years ago it moved over to the television studio and has been a regular broadcast since."

The Westfield Kiwanis Club, which was first organized in 1922, is the local chapter that serves Westfield,

Southwick and the surrounding hill towns. The organization's mission is to change the world "...one community and one child at a time."

They founded Westfield

Little League in 1950 and the Westfield Boy's and Girl's Club in 1969. They work on numerous projects to serve the community throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club and Westfield State University has had a long-standing partnership for many years.

The Westfield Kiwanis Club has sponsored the WSU Circle K community service club for 43 years.

In addition, each year, the Kiwanis club donates \$3,000 to both the Computer Science Department and the Communication Department as thanks to the University for hosting the annual auction.

For more information on The Westfield Kiwanis Club, visit [www.westfieldkiwanis.org](http://www.westfieldkiwanis.org).

# Horace Mann's goal of education for all not being realized

**Kevin Jones**  
Voice Reporter

Public education, as intended by Horace Mann, is not being played out as he hoped it would. Even here at Westfield State University, the school Mann founded in 1838, his ideal educational goal of a free and accessible education for all is not being realized.

Every student at Westfield State at least knows something about Horace Mann. The entire student body knows that as a historical figure in education, he is important. Mann is most certainly a point of pride for the university.

The impact of Horace Mann's education reform ideas is visible all over the state and even here on the Westfield State campus. As an education reform leader, as well as a politician in Massachusetts, he pushed for the development of a K-8 public schooling system, known as the common school, which would

create disciplined and responsible citizens who could contribute to society. He also pushed for teachers to undergo training to become professionals.

All of those ideas may seem like no-brainers to us in the modern age, but a lot had to change and a lot of time needed to pass until these ideas became the standard for education.

According to Robert T. Brown, the author of "The Rise and Fall of the People's Colleges: The Westfield Normal School", 1839-1914, as early as 1647 the Massachusetts Bay Colony had set its first education law.

This law is often referred to as the "Old Deluder Law" because its first sentence reads: "It being on chief object of that old deluder, Satan, to keep man from knowledge of the Scriptures..." It is this law that laid the foundation of public school system in Massachusetts.

This foundation for the Massachusetts public school system is one that was focused

primarily on creating literate citizens with the capability to read the Bible.

"There was an impotence of education due to religion in New England," said Nicholas Aieta, Professor of History and coordinator of the history secondary education program at WSU.

In the 19th century, Horace Mann and other education reformers stepped in to create a system that would impact wider knowledge by branching out and creating a curriculum that included math, science and history among others.

Of course being literate is important, but it is not the main focus of a public school education. Stacy Benham, a student at Westfield State who is part of the secondary education program, said, "That's not learning. Literacy is important, but it's only helpful if you can apply it."

It was Mann's idea that education acted as a great equalizer, therefore all citizens should

have access to it. The idea that education should be open to all is one shared by students today, especially at Westfield State.

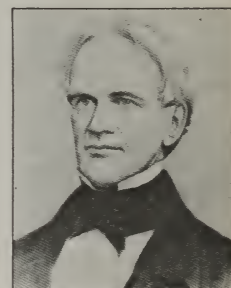
Melissa Welch, a biology student in her junior year, said, "I do think public school should be free because I believe everyone should have the opportunity to further their education without monetary constraints."

Horace Mann's idea for a free education was never really fully put into effect for all students.

"If students intended to teach in the Massachusetts common schools for at least two years, they would attend school for free," Professor Aieta said. "If they could not make that commitment, students paid four dollars per term in tuition."

Horace Mann's goal for an accessible and affordable education for all is under attack in today's world due to the stagnation of funding for public schools and rising prices.

The debt incurred by most students nowadays while



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Horace Mann founded the Westfield Normal School in 1838.

getting their college education is out of control. Mountains of debt are built from institutions that are supposed to be furthering opportunities for students, undermining intentions of education reform leaders like Horace Mann.

"Education for all isn't education for all if you can't afford it," said Professor Aieta.



# Letters to the Editors

## Dear Editors and Westfield State community,

There is no easy way to describe the last four years of my life spent here. For starters I got accepted into Westfield State College and will be getting a degree from Westfield State University. I've had my fair share of all-nighters, drinks, 'Dini's Meal Deals, Father Dean jokes, and leftover meal swipes.

I remember when I could take a class at 333, go to the gym for \$20 a semester, have a free Spring Weekend Concert, take the shuttle from South Lot and Olds was the 1st stop, not worry about charges, sit in the Pods or the loner bar, get a drink at The Perch, go downstairs to get to the bookstore, see Australia on the Globe, Tectones, and of course, Jazzman's!

I went on Like a Little instead of doing my final paper Sophomore year.

I remember meeting JR, Barry Maloney, Sparkles, DJ Boogy, Pete Francis, Mark the DC Swiper and countless other Westfield Legends.

I voted for B. Burr!

I've gone into Tommy D's, The Leaf, Shenanigans, Paddy's, and even had the balls to go into Fired up!

I may have single handedly kept Dominoes, Solo Cup, Admiral Nelson and Cumberland Farms in business.

I've been written up, spent a night in Noble, been RA knocked, almost been cuffed by Public Safety, and have had more "refreshments" in my dorms than Phipps does in their back room.

I've met countless people, made life long friends, made countless memories, and gotten great connections.

I have had an amazing time here with only 2 regrets: not studying abroad, and letting myself get stressed out so easily.

I've fallen in love and had my heart broken.

I've moved out of my house every September, and moved out of my home every May. And through all of this I have had the greatest time of my life!

Even with Westfield soon to be in my rear view mirror, I will be far from a stranger to this amazing place. Though my time is almost over, these memories will live on. I would just like to say to the Faculty, Staff, Class of 2013, and all other students, THANK YOU!

These have truly been the best four years of my life! Even though my future is unclear, these past four years have been unforgettable. To the classes of 2014, 2015, and 2016, take nothing for granted, take every chance you get, don't stress, and most importantly have fun!

Tom Petty once said "The work never ends, but College does." Remember this moment, and Pass It On!

Sincerely, The Sentimental Senior

## Dear Editors,

I often read The Westfield Voice with interest in knowing what's going on around campus and the local area, from a student perspective. But, after a recent 'Letter to the Editor' has been written by a Voice reporter, I cannot hold my tongue.

I read an article written by a Westfield Voice reporter a couple weeks ago where he was questioning the professionalism of one of Public Safety's finest individuals. In the article he claimed a lot of things I have found to be mistakes.

You see, like a good journalist, I investigated what had happened prior to making absurd claims and slandered not just a good person, but also an entire department.

I read the article and had asked around to find out what had happened so that I could learn the truth of the situation. For you see there is always more than one side to any story. After only a little bit of investigative journalism I soon found out a lot of details that were left out of this story that had been written.

The letter claims that the students were given almost no warning about the policy to show their ID's for the day of the Owl Ball. But one, this had happened in an upperclassmen hall, meaning the students should remember the policy on this day from last year. And two, the student handbook, which all students must agree to follow to live in the dorms, states that one must present proper ID when asked by any University employee.

Leaving basic policy aside though, I have learned that the student being held up on a pedestal in this story had been a headache to both the RA's and ISO's in that building all year, constantly pushing buttons and seeing how far they could go. And in this particular dilemma, he had been the one to push first, not the ISO who was looking for "his time to shine."

This article is correct in saying that we do not live in a police state where we must give in to police demands. But, we do live in a civil, respectful society where if an authority figure were to ask for an ID we would present it and, if curious, ask respectfully. Not rudely ask why someone needs to see their ID, as I found the student had done through my investigation.

As an "elected official" one should follow their own advice and "Be professional, act with integrity" and in the words of Mr. T "Educate yourself fool." Learn the whole story before making rash accusations that could affect a good man and a great department.

So, since there is an apology in order to the ISO involved, and the Department of Public Safety, I would like to apologize on behalf of the student body, since some of those we elected to represent us choose to take an alternative route.

Signed, The Undercover Owl

# The journalism conundrum: Sometimes first isn't always best

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

With the influx of social media, the jobs of every reporter get even harder, whether that be in sports, media, or news.

You see, journalists today have the ever-difficult task of wanting to be the first to break a story, before a competitor grabs it first. However, therein lies the problem. When journalists rush to get a story and make it their own, they forget to check their

sources.

The great people of CNN, or as I like to call it, "Certainly Not News," demonstrated this example wonderfully.

You see last week, CNN demonstrated what not to do in the news business, such as giving out wrong information and then being called out on it and making themselves look like fools.

With the whole Boston Marathon bombing fiasco that occurred over the past week, each 24-hour news network

wanted to get key information on the suspects. However, CNN went a little farther.

On April 17, CNN spent an entire hour from 1:44 p.m. to 2:44 p.m. telling the entire nation that an arrest was made.

But then at 2:47 p.m. they retracted the statement and were made to look like fools when a Boston Police statement said that any report that a suspect was in custody is wrong and should not be believed.

That is the problem with today's media. The uncontrol-

lable urge to always be the first at something, instead of doing our research, is something that embarrasses many people.

For a time in which many say that newspapers are dying/irrelevant, the newspapers were the sources of information during the whole Boston incident that people relied on.

The Boston Globe reporters did a wonderful job of covering the story, providing accurate information on social media, as well as in its print editions.

Maybe its time for news

networks to stop concerning themselves with being the first to every story, but rather to be concerned with accuracy in its reports that people are trying to follow.

It's a lesson that we should all follow regardless if you are in the media. Always take your time on finding and getting information, it is better to be accurate than the first to report something.

Because as the geniuses at CNN proved, being the first isn't always the best thing.

# Competency and Conservatism: Senate bipartisanship on immigration issue needed

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Reporter

It is surreal for me to be writing my second to last column. I've become entirely accustomed to filling a page of The Voice on a weekly basis.

However, it must feel particularly odd for this to be the last paper produced by our editors.

They have done a magnificent job during their tenure and they should be commended for their hard work.

As a former Editor-in-Chief of my high school newspaper, I can appreciate their sacrifice. It is never an easy task, but they do it with ease.

This is a political column so lets get back on track

and talk about current events.

Right now the United States Senate is debating reform to our immigration system.

I feel confident that progress is being made because a bipartisan group of senators have gotten together to debate the issue.

Of course this has been rather controversial. Both sides have good points, however the fringe still exists.

Most sources suggest that this is shaping up to be a bipartisan success story.

Which is important because our nation has an immigration problem.

Supposedly there are an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States. Illegal is the key word.

What does a nation do about people wishing to join it for a better life? Some nations will exploit them for cheap labor and others will forcefully deport them.

The United States of America is better than that. Right now we're not. But now is the time to change.

We have an opportunity to enrich the lives of everyone living within our borders.

The bill should address those living here illegally, and those wishing to immigrate here.

Anyone who suggests building a large fence hasn't been paying attention.

When we put up walls, we engage in isolation from the outside world.

There is nothing wrong

with fences and border patrol. However our solution must not consist solely of a large fence. Fences get torn down, climbed over and destroyed.

We need to put into place a system of accountability. It needs to be computerized and it needs to be easily accessible to law enforcement.

The price of citizenship should include not more than taxes, hard work and a desire to become an American.

Our health care system is being exploited by uninsured illegals.

I suggest we do something better than amnesty. If you are illegal, you must register with the government or you will not receive any benefits.

The bill should require

illegals to pay back taxes, purchase health care (which is current law under the Affordable Care Act), and produce proof of employment.

If we do these things, illegals will have an opportunity to become productive members of our society. Or even better, citizens of the world's greatest country.

We must not forget how hard they have worked to stay here. Many of these people risk their lives in dangerous border crossings. Food is scarce and their home countries are not stable.

Leaving home for an idea called America is not easy. America was built by people seeking a better life and we can certainly allow others the same courtesy.

## Rugged Owl winners!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM  
WINNERS OF THE RUGGED OWL!!**

There was a three-way tie!

Thank you to all participants!

## Student perspectives within the job search

**Vanessa Dion**  
Voice Reporter

The end of the spring semester is stressful for every student on campus. We all have our reasons, whether they are assignments, finals, or job hunting. This last one is very important, yet it tends to get pushed aside because assignments and finals are happening right now, and as college students we usually focus on the present before the future.

However, if there's one thing that I've learned over the past few months and will continue to learn in the months to come, it is that finding that first job related to my major is not easy.

This month I will pack up my car and head home to face the reality that I will not be sticking my head back in the books.

For the past few months I've used a number of the job searching links provided at westfield.ma.edu/careercenter, Craigslist, and job searches on newspaper websites.

I'm not having the best of luck finding writing or editing positions. But I'm not giving up, and neither should anyone else.

It's a pretty standard requirement to have an internship before you graduate. My advice: do two, or three. The more experience you have, the better you look to a potential employer.

Job fairs pop up all the time; and they're a great way to see what kinds of jobs are out there waiting for you right now. Don't limit yourself to the fairs at Westfield State, either. There are plenty of colleges near us that will have fairs with companies that may not be at ours.

One of the most impor-

tant things to do is network. You can find connections in the most unexpected ways. Just the other day I was interviewing a writer, and after an hour and a half, he asked me to keep in touch with him so that he could help me in my writing career. Build up your connections; you never know when or how you might need them.

These things may seem scary to some people and others may not think that they need to do all of them. Trust me, they can only help you.

Do I wish that I had a job in my field right away? Of course. Do I feel completely discouraged that I don't? No. I have an alternative plan, one that includes constant networking and a lot of submissions.

Just because we're graduating, doesn't mean that the work stops. Give yourself a goal and don't stop until you reach it.

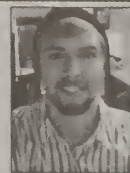




# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

## Ramblings from a Noninterventionist

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor



It doesn't feel real that this is the last Wednesday night our crew will spend up in Ely 305 putting together The Westfield Voice.

My official farewell column will be published next week, but I've been having trouble this week doing anything but reminiscing.

Next week's Voice will be the first edition published under the direction of new Editor-in-Chief Joshua Clark and his partner in crime Brittany Moniz. I know that they'll do an excellent job taking over the newspaper and will continue to make it an even better paper each and every week.

But this week's Westfield Voice marks the last edition to be published under the direction and leadership of Samantha Fahey, Alex Myers, Kylie Coffey and me.

All four of us have been involved with the newspaper since the beginning of our first year at Westfield, and it just seems strange that this has been our last week together in the office working on The Voice.

I remember last semester wanting the days and weeks to speed up. It was a challenging couple of months balancing six classes and my commitment to the newspaper with studying for the LSAT and applying to law school.

While working on the newspaper felt like nothing but a tiring chore at times last semester, I've felt refreshed this semester, happy and lucky to be working with such a great team of editors to put The Westfield Voice together each week.

And all I've wanted this semester is for time to slow down. My first three and a half years at Westfield had sped by way too fast, and all I wanted

was for these last couple of months to last a lifetime.

Unfortunately we live in the real world, and no matter how hard you wish upon a star, time isn't going to slow down.

So here we are. It's the end of April, Commencement is only a few weeks away, and nothing I do is going to make these last couple of weeks go by any slower.

I'll spend next week's column saying goodbye to everyone at The Voice and reflecting on my countless hours spent in Ely 305.

But in this week's column I'd just like to reflect a little bit on my time at Westfield State in general.

I almost didn't become a Westfield State Owl.

During the winter months of my senior year of high school I had narrowed my choice of colleges to Stonehill College, Quinnipiac University, UMass Amherst and Westfield State College (before it was a university).

I really wanted to attend a liberal arts school with a nice rural campus away from a major city, and my final choice was between Stonehill and Westfield.

Of course, the fact that Westfield is such a reasonably priced school was an important factor in my final decision. But more than the cost of attendance and great value of the education I would receive, I just had a great feeling about the sense of community that existed here at Westfield when I visited the campus.

I was certainly proven right over these past four years, and I couldn't have made a better decision than the one I made to attend Westfield State.

But when I first moved

into Courtney Hall in August 2009 (yes, somehow I ended up living in Courtney as a freshman), I could never have imagined the journey I would take over the next four years and the opportunities that would arise.

Four years ago, I never would have imagined that I'd be attending law school in the fall. I never would have imagined that I'd travel to France and Vietnam while in college, or that I'd attended an honors conference in Baltimore to discuss my research on U.S. economic policy and the 2008 financial crisis.

And I never would have imagined that I'd take so many fascinating courses with talented and brilliant professors, making lifelong friends in the process.

You see, Westfield State far exceeded any expectations I originally had about how I'd be spending these last four years.

I can still remember that first week of my freshman year, taking a bus ride to Walmart to stock up on junk food, catching up with friends from orientation, and meeting new friends across campus.

I took my first college course at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2009. I'll never forget the feeling in my stomach and nerves I felt as I entered Ely 313 for a class titled "Introduction to Communication Technology."

Ironically enough, it was also the first class that Professor Sinuk Kang taught at Westfield State, and I developed a friendship with Sinuk that has lasted over these past four years after going through that first college class together.

I was also lucky enough to take a political science class with Professor Dave Smailes

during my first semester at Westfield, and I credit that class with spurring and developing much of my interest in politics and governmental issues.

During my second semester at Westfield, I took a law class with Professor Phil Zampini that led me to discover the passion I had for legal issues, and helped set me off on my eventual path to law school.

I also took Communication class that semester with Professors Maddy Cahill and Henry Wefing, two of the most intelligent and kindest professors I've had the pleasure of knowing while at Westfield.

Both Maddy and Henry have had a major impact on my life, both inside and out of the classroom.

Throughout my time at Westfield, I've been lucky enough to take classes with a number of other tremendous professors including Max Saito, John Paulmann, Susan Leggett, and Tom Gardner.

Max and Susan both have the amazing ability to bring life and excitement to even the most mundane subjects in the classroom, and sparked my curiosity in topics I never would have considered.

As I'll mention in greater detail next week, Professor Paulmann in particular has been a great supporter of The Westfield Voice, and one of wisest, gentlest, and most compassionate individuals I've ever known. He'll never know the true impact he's had on my life, and the lives of countless other Westfield students.

Professor Gardner already knows this, but he has done more to help shape my academic, personal and professional goals than anyone outside of my family and closest

friends, and I'm glad that I'll be able to call Tom a lifelong friend.

That leads me into Vietnam, a three-week research and study abroad experience that changed my life, and one that I could never have seen myself taking part in before I came to Westfield.

Heck, I didn't even have a passport before college, and thanks to opportunities through The Westfield Voice and Westfield State University I've now been to France, Vietnam and Cambodia, and hope to have that passport stamped many more times throughout my life.

I've also had great opportunities for academic research and travel through the Honors Program at Westfield, and Glen Brewster, Vanessa Diana and Gretchen Konrad have all made my experience at WSU even richer.

It's sad to think that my time at Westfield is almost up. This place has changed my life, and I'm so grateful and thankful for all the wonderful memories of the last four years I'll have for the rest of my life.

The things I'll miss the most about Westfield are the simple things.

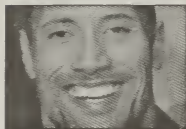
Walks through Stanley Park, Brown Bag Bingo, driving over eight potholes to get to the store (well maybe I won't miss that one too much), the flooding that happens across campus when it rains (maybe the drainage system will be better when I visit in ten years), and just hanging out and relaxing with friends into the early hours of the next morning when I have an 8:15 class that day.

For all the memories I've made and people who have changed my life, I just want to say thank you, Westfield.

# REFLECTIONS

## By Matthew Futterleib

### Dwayne Johnson – Born May 2, 1972



Born in Hayward, California, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson’s lineage consists of three generations of professional wrestlers. Initially, Johnson had aspirations of a career in football, earning a full scholarship to play defensive tackle for the championship-winning University of Miami, Florida football team in 1991. Unfortunately, a debilitating back injury shielded NFL scouts from calling, and Johnson resorted to playing for a short time in the Canadian Football League. Unsatisfied with his prospect of ever playing in the NFL, Johnson turned to professional wrestling, where his grandfather Peter “High Chief” Fanele Maivia and father Rocky

Johnson earned their livings. He first appeared in 1996 on the WWF circuit as flamboyant Rocky Maivia, a tribute to his grandfather. First marketed as a villain with a “pretty boy” persona, Johnson eventually won over a growing fan base. Soon after shifting to his more common nickname, “The Rock,” he became the WWF’s most popular wrestler. In the late ‘90s to early ‘00s, “The Rock” was a six-time heavyweight champion. Known also as “The People’s Champ,” Johnson sought to expand his image to television and movies. His transition to new platforms of entertainment was seamless, branded as an action star in films like *The Mummy Returns*, *The Rundown* and *Walking Tall* before returning to the ring in 2011 to reclaim the championship title. He currently stars in *GI Joe: Retaliation* and the upcoming *Pain and Gain*.

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### Death of Osama bin Laden – May 1, 2011

After a frustrating, decade-long manhunt spanning the globe, the mastermind behind the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks was finally discovered, living in a luxurious compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. Osama bin Laden’s whereabouts were discovered by U.S. intelligence four months earlier, as U.S. officials deliberated on the arrangements of an attack on his hideout. President Obama held meetings with the National Security Council on the matter as early as March, researching the best way to surround the complex and ensure no chance of bin Laden’s escape from American forces. Orders to commence the operation were given before midnight of May 1, as four helicopters full of U.S. Navy SEALs and

members of the CIA paramilitary descended on the compound with intent to kill. Disaster nearly plagued the 40-minute operation: one helicopter inexplicably malfunctioned and had to be landed before arriving, and bin Laden’s security guards quickly opened fire from below on American forces, crashing one helicopter. The 54 year-old bin Laden was shot and killed instantly in the midst of a gunfight after forces raided the complex, along with one of his sons and two trusted couriers. Two wives and four children of bin Laden were captured in the operation. News of the killing spread quickly to the American media, who reported the death of bin Laden to joyous and stunned citizens across the country.

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### Lucille Ball – Died April 26, 1989



Comedienne Lucille Ball’s *I Love Lucy* was the most popular television show of the ‘50s, encapsulating her legacy as television’s first female icon. Ball was born August 6, 1911 in Celeron, New York to Harry and Desirée Ball. In 1915, her father died of typhoid fever, leaving a grief-stricken wife to mend the household. Lucille had big dreams of performing on-stage, but suffered from stage fright. After briefly attending drama school in New York City, Ball stayed in the city as a model for Hattie Carnegie and Chesterfield Cigarettes. By 1927, Ball had begun battling rheumatoid arthritis, but persevered and moved to Hollywood for more acting gigs. She starred in over 72 films over her career, unwittingly earning the title of “Queen of B-Movies” for their second-rate billing. She met Cuban band-leader Desi Arnaz during one filming, and the two

“mismatched” performers kindled a romance. After marrying, Ball developed the radio program *My Favorite Husband*, a spoof of married life that drew CBS executives to adapt her program for television. *I Love Lucy* was created under full control by Desi and Lucille’s new production company, Desilu, and the sitcom debuted in 1951. For six years, the couple captivated and entertained audiences with a daring and unprecedented brand of comedy. In 1960, the pair divorced, but their legacy is captured in heavily-syndicated reruns. Ball continued her career following the show, but nothing reached the popularity of her television smash.

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## Book Review: “Splintered Icon” by Bill Napier

Lyndon Seitz  
A&E Editor

**Ildotologic: Dreams in Stereo**—This is music with strong electronic influences and sounds a lot like what you’d expect to hear in a club. Yet their use of electronic effects, especially the vocal ones, has interesting effects. And when I say “interesting,” I do not mean good.

The music sounds generic, and easily forgettable. Also, the lyrics are at best average, and some people may just find them creepy on certain

tracks. This aspect is not helped by the music. I don’t see a strong reason to recommend this album as a whole, but listeners of the genre may want to sample a few of the tracks.

**Imaginary Cities: Temporary Residents**—It’s hard for me to find exact words to describe the music, but its rock with female vocals and often a lighter sound. “Don’t Cry” has an irresistible groove backed by electric guitar and don’t let down the entire song.

Some may think the vocals unnerving or annoying, and there is an argument to be made for this, but they are unique and essential on

some tracks. The faster paced tracks are almost universally better, but the slower tracks aren’t necessarily bad, average at worse. Overall it is definitely worth checking out.

**Iron Steel: Devil May Care**—At times when listening to this EP I thought, “This is why some people hate metal.” The first track, “Attack,” has pitches from the vocals that are just plain annoying.

The guitar work is good, but there is nothing special or original about it. The next track, “Hail Satan,” is just bad in every way, and rather immature at times (and not even in a funny way).

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## Album review: Streetlight Manifesto's first album in six years

Jessica Thelen  
Voice Reporter

Streetlight Manifesto, the infamous ska-punk band, has just released their first new album in six years, titled "The Hands That Thieve"- a jab at their oppressive contract with Victory Records, and it was worth the wait.

"The Hands That Thieve" is an incredible album, focusing on some of the band's favorite themes such as alienation, religion, truth, belief, the self, and aging.

The ten track album opens with the energy-fueled, horn-driven, and catchy "The Three Of Us"- a song that tells the story of Tomas and various other characters, including a king, a priest, a tramp, and a thief, who, despite their differences, are all equals.

The song's philosophi-

cal, introspective lyrics such as the ones found in this song are interspersed throughout the album, making it both a treat for the ear and mind.

The third, fourth, and fifth tracks continue the onslaught. The fourth track, "The Hands That Thieve," starts off with acoustic guitars and soft saxophones that slowly get louder and pick up the tempo.

Kalnoky's trademark assurance and unapologetic tone shine through here. The energy, the lyrics, and incredible musicianship make this song a stand out.

Another standout is the fifth track, "With Any Sort Of Certainty." This is by far the most energetic, fast-paced, angriest song of the record. Kalnoky continues his existential philosophizing by questioning where the sun and moon go.

The eighth track, "Toe To Toe," is one of the lower-key tracks on "The Hands



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That Thieve," but it still packs a punch. Kalnoky continues to combine family, truth, death, and religion in this softly sung, woeiful track.

The ending track, "Your Day Will Come," combines every aspect of the album into one penultimate song of familial love, philosophical questioning, fear, truth, and fate.

The album is currently

available for pre-order in a variety of formats (CD, vinyl), and will be officially released on April 30th.

The album is a double album, featuring Streetlight's version ("The Hands That Thieve") and Tomas's [Toh Kay's] solo acoustic version ("The Hand That Thieves"). Be sure to pick up a copy of this amazing, long-anticipated record.

## Movie Review: 'Room 237' adds new life to 'The Shining'

Brad Avery  
Voice Reporter

Art is subjective. Any work of art, be it a painting, a song, or a film, is a Rorschach test of sorts because every person is going to gauge it differently. "Room 237" is an exercise in subjectivity.

The documentary, directed by newcomer Rodney Ascher, is a compilation of interviews with critics who all have different theories about what Stanley Kubrick's horror classic "The Shining" is actually about. Some sound plausible, others were absurd enough that the entire theater was laughing.

The first theory is that "The Shining" is a metaphor for the genocide of Native Americans, pointing out the

film's consistent Native American imagery and that the Overlook Hotel in the film is mentioned as being built on an "Indian burial ground."

This is probably the analysis that has the most ground to stand on because it only gets weirder from there.

Other theories suggest that the movie is a metaphor for the Holocaust, a parallel to the legend of the Minotaur, a commentary on fairy tales, and my favorite, that "The Shining" is Stanley Kubrick's confession that he helped to fake the moon landing.

"Room 237" (the title referencing the ominous hotel room from the film) is a weird mish mash of these ideas, arranged in a seemingly random pattern.

The problem with "Room 237" is that it's the perfect ex-

ample of looking too far into things, and that as a result it makes some actually valid interpretations lose credibility by association.

For example, the critic backing the Native American theory makes himself look foolish when he insists that the specific number and arrangement of baking powder tins on shelves in the background are significant, which seems too out there even for a perfectionist like Kubrick.

You need to use your best judgment when approaching these theories and separate the plausible from the downright crazy. But even the crazy ones are a joy to hear.

"Room 237" is a grab bag but still an accessible introduction to analyzing symbolism in films. If any real meaning can be derived from it, it's that art can mean whatever the viewer

thinks it means.

So many of the critics insist that their interpretation is what Kubrick must have intended. But in the end we can't truly know what Kubrick meant by anything in "The Shining."

That doesn't make the critics ideas invalid. Instead they add a new life to "The Shining." If this one work can insight so many different interpretations, doesn't that speak to the film's complexity and profoundness?

This documentary could have been about any number of films, but Ascher couldn't have picked one more endlessly fascinating.

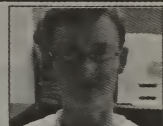
"Room 237" is playing in select theaters, but can be rented from iTunes and other digital streaming services. Grade: B-

# Morning Joe

*"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"*

By: *Joey Cooper*

Sports Editor



This past weekend, the New York Jets continued the parade of absurdity by trading Darrelle Revis to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for a first round pick in this weekend's NFL Draft and a mid-round selection in 2014.

What did Mets and Jets fans ever do to deserve this type of idiocy?

In one single leap, the Jets front office managed to willingly push away one of the franchise's best players. I can say with complete self-assurance that the talent Revis

bestowed on this team ranks with the likes of Joe Namath and Curtis Martin.

Revis' willingness to remain with the AFC East bottom feeders was shown in verbally expressing his desire to make sure he was a part of the team that brought the Jets back to the season's final game, along with plans to buy a home in Manhattan.

Aside from Mark Sanchez losing his favorite in-practice target, the Jets will be losing a staple of Rex Ryan's 3-4 defense that runs through the

league's best cornerback. Losing Revis' services will place extended pressure on their thin defensive front to apply pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

Any concerns that Woody Johnson may have had about signing Revis were deemed insufficient once the details of Revis' new contract with the Bucs were released.

With concerns of Revis' health coming off a torn ACL early in last season, the Jets treaded carefully to avoid giving Revis a large guaranteed contract that could handicap

their cap room if he was not able to play at a high level.

Tampa Bay hit a homerun, deferring to giving Revis any guaranteed money in his \$96 million deal over six years.

An unhappy locker room receiving news that their All-Pro corner has been shipped south will only speed up the time to the press conference announcing Rex Ryan's departure as the head coach.

Woody Johnson being the businessman he is should be well versed in making good

investments. His decision of stubbornness to decline paying Revis the huge deal will haunt this team, setting them back for years.

The priorities of this organization include retaining Mark Sanchez, Santonio Holmes' ego, and Tim Tebow's following rather than re-signing Revis.

Instead, Johnson will have to watch when Revis walks across the stage in Canton, Ohio years from now, being inducted into the NFL's most sacred grounds.

## Softball falls to Fitchburg

**Joe Meehan**  
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State softball team's record fell to 7-22 (4-6 MASCAC) after dropping both games of a doubleheader at home against Fitchburg State (14-18 overall, 6-4 MASCAC) on Sunday, April 21, 4-3 and 3-2.

Junior Kelley Fluett got the start on the mound in game one for the Owls. She ran into some early trouble, as Fitchburg's Tori Cyrus hit a two-run home run in the first inning and Kerry Alcott added a solo shot in the second to put Fitchburg up 3-0.

In the fourth inning, sophomore Breanne Biscaglia tripled home a run before scoring on a sacrifice fly by sophomore Kelsey Carpenter to bring Westfield within a run.

Fitchburg added another run in the sixth on a Colleen Flaherty double, which would prove to be the difference.

In the home half of the seventh, Carpenter scored on a single by freshmen Kate Woishnis, with freshmen Allie Lucenta advancing to third and

Woishnis advancing to second on the throw.

However, Fitchburg starter Brittany Whiting picked up her ninth strikeout of the game in the next at bat, getting freshmen Jamie Ricciardi swinging to end the game.

In game two it was sophomore Emily Mailloux on the mound for Westfield matched up against Alcott. This time it was Westfield striking first on a RBI single by senior Courtney Begin in the second.

Westfield held on to their one run lead until the sixth, when Marissa Binnall's RBI single tied it and Flaherty added another sixth inning double to score two.

Westfield once again came up just short in the seventh. Molly Dunbar picked up an RBI on a ground out to short, but Alcott got Biscaglia on a comebacker to the mound to pick up the win.

Westfield has six games to play before the conference tournament begins on Thursday, May 2. All six games are on the road, with two against MCLA, two against Springfield College and two against Worcester State.

## Baseball, softball teams hold Senior Day

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Last Sunday, April 21, the Westfield State baseball and softball teams faced off against Fitchburg State on Senior Day for both teams.

In softball action, Fitchburg won both games by scores of 4-3 and 3-2. The baseball team split their two games with Fitchburg, losing the first game by a score of 8-5, and then destroying the Falcons in the second game by a wide margin of 20-4.

The games marked the last home games for seniors Andrew Medeiros, Kevin Greene and Connor Buckley of the baseball team, and senior Courtney Begin of the softball team. The softball team has had better years, but that is due in large part to the great talent they lost over the last two years to graduation.

But this team does possess a lot of young talent that will make an impact in years to come. Those players are sophomore Breanne Biscaglia, who is hitting .301 this season, Kelsey Carpenter, another sophomore

who leads the team in RBIs, and finally freshman Kate Woishnis, who has a team-leading .340 batting average.

This weekend, however, the spotlight was on senior captain Courtney Begin, who in the second game of the day was 2-3 with an RBI. Begin is tied for first with the most hits for the team with 25.

On the men's side, the baseball team's split with Fitchburg brought their record to 13-16 overall and 6-4 in conference play, which tied them for second place behind Salem State (as of April 22).

The baseball team has been hampered by poor pitching this year, with a team ERA of 6.14. The star of the squad is junior Kevin Zyrkowski, who is 4-0 this season and has a 3.27 ERA.

But with the poor pitching overall, the team has had to rely heavily on its bats, and their top batter has been senior Andrew Medeiros. Medeiros leads the team in homers (3), batting average (.417), hits (35) and stolen bases (10). Fellow senior Kevin Greene leads the team in RBIs with 22, and is hitting at a very good average of .319.

In the first game against Fitchburg, the Owls had three costly errors that led to five unearned runs. The Falcons were able to put an 8-0 lead on the board early in the game, and coasted on some good pitching from starter Pat Mercier and reliever Zachary Bombria.

But in the second game the Westfield bats came alive for 20 hits, 19 of which were singles, in an easy 20-4 victory. Sophomore Peter Cassidy went seven strong innings, allowing nine hits and three earned runs while striking out eight batters.

On the other side, the Falcons could not find the plate at all and the six pitchers that entered the game for Fitchburg walked a total of 12 Westfield batters. Leadoff hitter sophomore Pat McWilliams and ninth batter sophomore Jeremy Tanguay went a combined nine for nine with seven RBIs, as they had little trouble with Fitchburg's pitchers.

The baseball team does have one final home game next Sunday, April 28, against Curry College at noon. They hope to end their season on a high note heading into the MASCAC tournament on May 2.



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**Gemini****(May 22 – June 21)**

Droves and droves of people will be petitioning you for their attention. Your biggest struggle in the upcoming week will be figuring out who you give it to.

**Cancer****(June 22 – July 22)**

Realize your many, many shortcomings in your life and you might be able to improve. Recognize what you haven't accomplished and you will see what you can work on. You will probably fail, but that's okay.

**Leo****(July 23 – August 23)**

Undermining the success of your fellow man may not be the most moral or the kindest thing in the world to do, but it doesn't hurt, especially if that person is a horrible human being who stole everything you had and then the love of your life, who totally deserves them now for leaving you.

**Virgo****(August 24 – September 22)**

Missing your family? If so, you may want to focus your efforts this week on finding a new one, a better one. One that will never leave you; one that loves your inner goddess.

**Libra****(September 23 – October 22)**

Remember the ways in which you have triumphed in the past, and then do exactly the opposite. The stars tell you to do this, and they know better than you.

**Scorpio****(October 23 – November 21)**

Even the smallest of things can be beautiful. The smallest member of a society can still stand proud and be useful to the world and others. Take these words into consideration.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 – December 21)**

Dread and gloom won't seize the day for a great many years, so don't focus on the inevitability of your downfall. Instead both prepare yourself for future struggles and see the beauty that is today.

**Capricorn****(December 21 – January 20)**

Rest well on the achievements of your predecessors and trust that their reputation will last you well into your life. Also rest well on your trust fund. Wait, you have a trust fund, right?

**Aquarius****(January 21 – February 19)**

Understanding people may not be the easiest thing in the world to do, but there are great benefits to be had. Try to focus on your people skills this week. Not that you have any problems of course.

**Pisces****(Feb. 20 – March 20)**

Maybe you should buy a ridiculously expensive item such as a diamond encrusted pen. It will inspire you and add a sense of responsibility (and debt) into your life. It will be the symbol of your new empire should you ever get one.

**Aries****(March 21 – April 20)**

Read the horoscopes of all the previous weeks of this year. You will perceive a message. That will be how you save yourself from the clowns, the incredibly creepy clowns from Mars.

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"So when did this abnormal fear of ceiling fans begin?"

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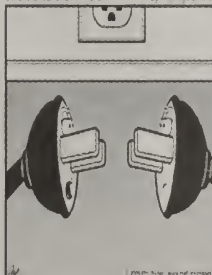


"I've got to get a second job; my youngest needs laces."

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## Mr. Westfield 2013 raised enough money to 'Make-A-Wish'

**Brittany Moniz**  
Head Copy Editor

Twelve contestants took the stage last Saturday for the crown, the sash, and the glory, but only one man was crowned Mr. Westfield 2013.

Contestants representing each residence hall, class year, and commuters enjoyed friendly competition on Dever Stage for the benefit of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Class of 2014 organized the second annual Mr. Westfield pageant in its continued efforts to grant a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The class had set a goal to grant a wish by the time they graduate in May of 2014 and generated nearly \$3,800 with last year's show alone.

The fundraising results of Saturday's show amounted to \$4,393.60.

Money collected for the President's parking space raffle has gone to Make-A-Wish as well.

The class has raised over \$8,000 thus far, surpassing the goal of \$6,000 to grant a wish.

The Class of 2014 Council was given a standing ovation by the Senate of the Student Gov-

ernment Association during their meeting on Tuesday.

The success of the Mr. Westfield pageants will allow the Class of 2014 to grant a wish this year.

If next year's show follows the success of the past two Mr. Westfield shows, the Class of 2014 is on track to grant another wish by the 2014 Commencement.

Like last year's show, the 2013 Mr. Westfield pageant consisted of five segments: outfit of choice, talent, formalwear, question and answer, and fundraising.

The contestants opened the show with a choreographed group dance in which they showcased their best Gangnam Style moves.

The audience was treated to a diverse array of talents that included dancing, the singing of Tainted Love, and a mechanical monkey puppet.

There was certainly no shortage of laughter throughout the show.

The WSU Dance Company and ladies from the Night Owls provided intermission performances, which added to the talent of the evening.

The contestants were subject to the evaluation of five judges: Dr. Carlton Pickron, Vice President of Student Affairs; Maria

Lees, Residential Dining Manager for Sodexo; Dr. David Smailes, chair of the Political Science Department; Dr. John Dempsey, professor of History; and Stan Costa, former Mr. Westfield contestant.

When asked to describe how the show went, Stan Costa replied, "The contestants and 2014 Council truly did an amazing job at putting the show together."

He added, "The men made

judging very difficult."

There has been talk about a potential Miss Westfield pageant to compliment the Mr. Westfield show, but those may just be rumors.

One thing you can count on is another group of talented Westfield State men taking the stage next spring.

You certainly won't want to miss Mr. Westfield 2014.

## GOODBYE 'VOICE' SENIORS!



*photo by Erika Hayden*

This week, The Westfield Voice says farewell to Co-Editor-in-Chief Alex Myers, Managing Editor Rob Donoghue, Co-Editor-in-Chief Samantha Fahey, News Editor Kylie Coffey, and our senior columnists and reporters. Our farewells start on page 6.

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# Spring '13 Finals

(as of February 20, 2013)

## Tuesday, May 7

08:00-10:00 TR 08:15  
10:10-12:10 TR 09:45  
12:20-02:20 TR 03:45  
02:30-04:30 Makeups

## Wednesday, May 8

08:00-10:00 MWF 12:35  
10:10-12:10 MWF 02:45/03:10  
12:20-02:20 MWF 09:20  
02:30-04:30 MWF 08:15/07:50

## Thursday, May 9

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10:10-12:10 TR 12:45  
12:20-02:20 TR 02:15  
02:30-04:30 Makeups

## Friday, May 10

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10:10-12:10 MWF 11:30  
12:20-02:20 MWF 01:40  
02:30-04:30 MWF 03:50

## Tuesday, May 14

Senior grades due by noon

## Friday, May 17

Undergraduate Commencement

## Tuesday, May 21

All other grades due by noon  
(both divisions)

## Spring 2013 Election Results

### Student Government Association

**SGA Executive Board:**  
President: Taylor Fote  
VP Student Life: Rebecca DiVico  
VP Academic Life: Andy McCormack  
VP Finance: Joshua Frank  
VP Programming: Steven Kligerman  
Student Trustee: Stone Koury  
Executive Secretary: Alexis Wagner  
Legislative Secretary: Sarah Hegarty

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Joshua Clark  
Justin Dooley  
Alexander Gage  
Jocelyn Herrera-Lazo  
(Multicultural Representative)  
Adam Lamontagne  
Tori Landry

Isaac Matson  
Ariana Roche  
Xandria Sotomayor  
Kevin Soucie  
(Fundraising/Community Relations)

### Class of 2014 Council:

President: Brittany Moniz  
Vice President: Stone Koury  
Treasurer: Taylor Fote  
Secretary: Sarah Dowd  
Historian: Allyson McElhiney  
Publicity Coordinator: Tammy Adams

### Fundraising/Community

Relations: Andy McCormack  
SGA Rep: Emily Baker  
SGA Rep: Tom Durkee  
SGA Rep: Amanda McCarthy  
SGA Rep: Jennifer McDiarmid

### Class of 2015 Council:

President: Richard Darrach  
Vice President: Lauren LaRoux  
Treasurer: Kaiya Hill

Secretary: Michael Brett  
Historian: Jeffrey Ohene-Darko  
Publicity Coordinator: Keara Fiorentino  
Fundraising/Community Relations: Yasmin Ibrahim  
SGA Rep: Allison Davis  
SGA Rep: Olivia Dumas  
SGA Rep: Christopher Michaud  
SGA Rep: Kayla Themmen

### Class of 2016 Council:

President: Ryan Losco  
Vice President: Sarah Hookailo  
Treasurer: Tara Saraf  
Secretary: Emily Marcella  
Historian: Lakiyah Russell  
Publicity Coordinator: Vacant  
Fundraising/Community Relations: Shannon Cullinane  
SGA Rep: John Dowd  
SGA Rep: Michael Janchuk  
SGA Rep: Sara Palis  
SGA Rep: Nicole Primeau

### Residence Hall Association

President: Michelle Springer  
VP Traditional Style Housing: Vacant  
VP Apartment Style Housing: Vacant  
VP Finance: Vacant  
VP Programming: Elizabeth LaBak  
Secretary: Jenna Freedman  
SGA Liaison: Vacant

### WSKB 89.5 FM

General Manager: Brad Avery  
Asst. General Manager: Evan Crimmins  
Music Director: Adam Forziati  
Promotions: Jake Lehan  
Local Music: Jessica Thelen  
Hip-Hop: Pat Rice  
Loud Rock: Nate Cauty  
Program Director: Kaila Cummings  
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The Westfield Voice will print "letters to the editors" if the authors so please and can be either anonymous or can include your name (you must note that you do not want your name listed otherwise it will

be printed with your name).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be submitted in person or by email the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Editors have the right to change any and all articles to what they see fit grammatically and content-wise to make sure all facts are accurate and appropriate.



## Turn your summer vacation into resume riches

**Junior Delgado**  
Voice Contributor

Thinking about going back to your waitressing, lifeguarding or landscaping job this summer? Why not do an internship instead?

An internship is a great way to build up your resume, make professional contacts, test career goals and receive college credit.

Westfield State University students can receive up to 15 credits for doing an internship through Cooperative Education managed by Career Services or your Academic Department's Internship Program.

Some Westfield State University students have also received offers for full-time employment and assistance with graduate school from their internship sites.

There are a number of strategies that you can use to identify an internship. One very useful strategy is to search online.

The Career Center has plenty of helpful resources

that will help you in your search.

—Career Connections (Westfield State's online job and internship database): [www.westfield.ma.edu/careercenter](http://www.westfield.ma.edu/careercenter) then click on "Students"

—[www.internhere.com](http://www.internhere.com) (western MA and northern CT)

—[www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)

—[www.boston.com/jobs](http://www.boston.com/jobs)

—[www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org) (non-profit)

—[www.internships.com](http://www.internships.com)

Additional resources are found on the Career Center website: [www.westfield.ma.edu/careercenter](http://www.westfield.ma.edu/careercenter)

Students are encouraged to talk with faculty, friends, career counselors and family. Chances are someone will know of a great internship opportunity for you.

Many academic departments maintain a listing of internship opportunities and both faculty and career counselors can help you identify internships based on your interests and career goals.

Another strategy that

students have as an option would be designing their own internship.

Most companies are receptive to taking on an intern especially one who takes the initiative to present what they are hoping to offer a company.

If the company is interested, you can work together to design your responsibilities.

Students are also strongly urged to attend job fairs. Employers are not only seeking to fill their full-time positions, but also internships as well.

Job fairs provide you with the opportunity to connect with a recruiter from the company face-to-face, which can make a significant difference in the search for an internship!

There is more information in Career Services. Schedule an appointment with the Career Center by calling 413-572-5206 or by stopping by our office in Lammers Hall Annex, located on the first floor.

## Student Spotlight with Alex Keefe

by Joshua Clark and Brady Kerr



B.S. Criminal Justice and Political Science ('12)

M.P.A. Public Administration ('14)

Hometown: Framingham, Mass.

### 1. Where do you see yourself in ten years?

I see myself as a police officer working my way through the ranks of the Framingham Police Department.

### 2. What do you do in your free time?

I am a firefighter for the town of Ashland, Mass., which takes up some of my time. Besides that, I enjoy hanging out with my friends.

### 3. What has been your greatest accomplishment at WSU?

Being a co-founder of the Residence Hall Association.

### 4. Who have you met at WSU that has had the biggest impact on your life?

Dr. David Smailes of Political Science. He is the man!

### 5. If Alex Keefe were guided by a quotation, what would it be?

"Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way." - Gen. George S. Patton

### 6. What is your favorite meal in the Dining Commons?

Popcorn chicken and mashed potatoes.

### 7. If you could eat dinner with anybody dead or alive, who?

President Abraham Lincoln.

### 8. Where is a place that you'd like to visit?

The Vatican.

*If you would like to be the in The Voice's spotlight for the week or know someone who deserves it, email [thevoice@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:thevoice@westfield.ma.edu) and tell us why.*

## THE SCENE AT MR. WESTFIELD 2013



photo by Ashley Meader

# Outlook for graduating seniors appears bleak from sophomore perspective

**Emma Savoy**  
Managing Editor

With this being the last issue of the semester, the school year has reached its end.

Some students are already scheduled for next year and ready to go. Others have just a few short weeks until the exciting summer courses begin.

But for the seniors, this means graduation. After four (or five) years of waiting and having that one word as a cloud overhead, after that last final the wait ends.

This means dressing just like many others in uniform black, sitting for hours through maybe

not the most riveting speeches, and finally being handed the one piece of paper representing your achievement.

Then you go home. Now what?

For those of you who have already thought ahead and set some things up with potential employers, great job.

For those who have done some internships your last year to make some connection and make the resume look better, nice work. And for those who have set themselves up to go straight to grad school, may the force be with you.

But what about those who didn't take that extra internship? Or didn't hold a job or two over

the four years? Or didn't join any clubs, organizations, or sport teams to add potential for community service?

Unfortunately, all levels of achievers will be facing the exact same issues.

According to research done this past April, 53% of recent college grads are unemployed. To further get an idea, that's about 1.5 million graduates.

For overall unemployment, the rate for Massachusetts is currently 6.4% according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. For the overall nation for the month of March, the rate is 7.6%.

The unemployment rate is ever so slowly decreasing, which is the good news. But let's not

stop there.

The student loan debt reached \$1 trillion a year ago, both federal and private. The average student graduating in 2011 had about \$26,600 in loans.

So now we're looking at difficulty getting a job, money to owe, and possibly back to mom and pop's couch after a cozy dorm room.

But what about the major you had so much fun studying for?

In looking through all the fun articles about "ten best paying jobs" and "best degrees to graduate with," and rest assured there are plenty, it seems to come down to a few categories.

For the most recent years,

any degrees relating to health, technology/computers, and any sciences seem to be receiving the biggest thumbs up. Some articles also gave smiles at business majors.

So basically, the pickings be slim. What's a college grad to do?

Get a job: any job. Pay your dues at work and even take up and internship to get noticed. Be realistic: that corner office with the pretty window isn't yours. You have to work for it.

In conclusion, it isn't easy to get a job, especially for those of us with no experience. But don't be stupid, be diligent, and like my Grandpa always said, "you'll be just fine kid."

## EGST classes hold 'Stop Violence' events on green

**Joshua Clark**  
Editor-in-Chief

The Introduction to Ethnic and Gender Studies classes taught by Professor Andriana Foiles of the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department held a "Stop Violence" event Wednesday on the campus green.

Sophomore Brianna Thresher said the event was originally conceived from in-class discussions after the Boston bombings.

The discussion was then directed towards what could be done to prevent such violence in future generations.

Thresher said, "Something needed to be done because it is our generation that's going to have to live like this."

Sophomore Tanya Dellanno said, "If people focus on compassion, inevitably the violence will subside."

Wednesday's event was a collaboration between two of Foiles' classes. One class focused on violence awareness while the other focused on the compassion aspect.

There was a bake sale put on by the "violence awareness" class while the other class took a more artistic approach. They



photo by Melissa Fifer

had participants write a good deed that they've done for somebody or that somebody did for them on a paper crane that was hung between trees on the green.

There was also a banner that participants were asked to sign.

Once they signed, they received a blue and yellow ribbon signifying their pledge to reduce violence and look at different issues with compassion.

Professor Foiles said of her classes' efforts, "When we see violence, we respond and so we keep in mind that we don't just have to wait for violent acts.

"We are good people that rise in situations when there are disenfranchised," she said, "so why not start when there is no other particular reason than it's the right thing to do."

Students like Thresher, Delano and Melissa Fifer will also be out on the green Friday starting at 12:35pm doing many of the same activities as Wednesday.

Fifer said, "We'll have people signing if they still want to sign, and we're going to do a big photo of the people from the classes that signed."

Foiles said, "I'd love to see more Westfield folks turn out. Let's make this a university event; Let's make this a community event."

"We all live here nine months out of the year. This is our home, so let's make it a home in a place that we all want to live," she said.

At the end of Wednesday, the two classes raised over \$400.00 and received over 900 signatures.

**Joshua Clark**  
Editor-in-Chief

In the April 5, 2013 issue of The Westfield Voice, I wrote an article heavily criticizing Gabriel Gomez for his performance at the Senate Primary Debate in Springfield on March 28.

In it, I suggested that Gomez didn't bring any new ideas to the debate, and called his litmus test for spending "cute."

But I will say that the advertising related to his campaign is creative.

There was an ad that ran on the radio of a woman in her apartment with the doorman buzzing up to ask her if he should let Gomez up to speak with her.

After she griped that she didn't want Ed Markey in her apartment (I don't blame her, I wouldn't either), the doorman reassured her it was Gomez and then launched into the plethora of "new" ideas that Gomez proposes.

While they are admirable, some of them include no pay for Congress if they fail to pass a budget; lifetime ban on Congressional legislators becoming lobbyists; and balanced budget amendment, these are not new ideas! Political candidates have been saying these ideas for years

but with no results.

The politician we need is most certainly not Gabriel Gomez, it might not even have been any of the other Republican candidates either, but somebody who can work a miraculous Scott Brown-like victory in Massachusetts this time around.

My hope was that Dan Winslow, a social liberal, fiscal conservative, would win the Republican primary with Steve Lynch, a more right-leaning Democrat, winning the Democratic primary.

This would create a situation where the overwhelming majority of Democratic voters would have to make a decision between the two instead of easily being able to vote Markey.

The sad thing is, Gomez will never win the final election because Markey is so solidly engrained in Massachusetts politics that his name recognition will easily win the vote.

Even if voters do not know who Markey is, the 'D' next to his name will certainly help.

While it is certainly too late for Gomez to drop out and run for his local School Committee seat, maybe he should start thinking about how he can position himself better for this seat for next November's election, if he truly is what the Republican voters of Massachusetts want.

## Gabriel Gomez--What?!



# From the Editor's Desk

## Joshua Clark, Editor-in-Chief

First, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the soft launch of my tenure as the Editor-in-Chief of The Westfield Voice.

My editorial staff and I are going to pick up where Samantha and Alex left off and hopefully make the paper as good or better than it is now.

As for myself, I plan on writing close to a full page for my "From the Editor's Desk" columns, writing my thoughts about the school, politics, and anything else that comes to my mind that I feel is significant enough for an editorial. I want to bring a level of seriousness back to the "Editor's Desk."

Anything personal that I'd like to include in my editorials will be placed under a subtitle.

You will also notice that there are many "Editor's Desks" this week.

This is the very last issue of The Westfield Voice that the outgoing Editors-in-Chief Samantha Fahey and Alex Myers, Managing Editor Rob Donoghue, News Editor Kylie Coffey, and several columnists and reporters will be appearing in.

I have created as much space as I could to allow them to write their thank-yous and farewells.

I hope you have enjoyed this week's edition of The Westfield Voice and I hope you'll join me in September for my first official edition as Editor-in-Chief.

I am going to use the remainder of my space to say goodbye to certain people on this staff that will be leaving us. This will not be in order of seniority on the editorial staff, but in seniority in my

thoughts.

First, I'd like to say goodbye to "Voice Columnist" Brady Kerr, who has been writing "Competency and Conservatism" for this paper longer than I have been a Republican.

While I only got to truly know him over the course of this last semester, I am truly thankful for having known him at all.

His influence and character has helped me in more ways than he will acknowledge. He is most certainly the best person I've met at the college (even though he didn't send me to Paris or pass his title to me).

Brady is one of the few people that I will miss from this graduating class, but he won't be gone from my life forever.

I'll be texting him to set up tee times for our respective hometown golf courses, meeting up at Starbucks to converse about the ills of the world, and hopefully rekindling relationships with our respective "ones that got away."

Secondly, I'd like to say goodbye to Managing Editor Rob Donoghue. There really isn't too much I could say about our friendship that we probably haven't said at 2 or 3 in the morning in the same bed in Paris saving the school money not having to buy a hotel room with two beds.

There are many pictures of our trip to Paris that I will come across and smile or laugh or become incensed, but the best ones I could remember from the trip were the ones of the two of us that Amy or Erin sniped in cognito with us so candidly posed. (Or with our friend from Mexico!)

I hope to stay in touch and even for you to join Brady and I's tee time every once in a while. And don't you ever for-

get Eyebrows, Kathy Bates, the hissing noise coming from a snoozing conference host and friend of El Presidente, or the power-couple that was Bob and Jane Hariman.

Thirdly and lastly, I'd like to say goodbye to my predecessors Samantha Fahey and Alex Myers. You guys have taken the paper over during uncertain times when the format changed and the daunting task of learning InDesign came before you, and turned The Voice into a tremendous and influential newspaper.

You two presented me with my second Editor-in-Chief position but the first that I'm actually going to enjoy doing. I've enjoyed these last three days, even though I felt at times like I was going to pull my hair out.

You guys sent me to Paris, something that I have wanted to do for a good portion of my life thus far, even though I do feel a little guilty that I took Samantha's boyfriend with me before she got to.

Also, don't forget to read my first issue next year and see how I do without you guys there as a safety net for me. Also, you guys have a large role in the story I will tell in my "From the Editor's Desk" column that week so look out for that.

The truth of the matter is, even though this is starting to become reminiscent (spelt that correctly on the fifth try) of a yearbook, I truly appreciate all of the contributions that the four of you guys have made toward me getting to the place where I am now.

Good luck wherever you end up but don't be a stranger! The deadline will remain Mondays at 5:00, although if you're going to turn into anything like me, I'll accept your silent request for an extension.



photo by Amy Wing

Voice Editors Joshua Clark and Rob Donoghue at the Cafe Central during their trip Paris, France last year.



photo by Joshua Clark

Joshua Clark and Brady Kerr at the RHA Banquet.



photo by Erin Bates

Rob Donoghue (left) and Joshua Clark (right) interacting with a man from Mexico that we met at O'Brien's Pub in the 7th arrondissement in Paris. This Mexican man has become to source of many stories from that evening even though he was there with some businessmen from Argentina.

# A liberal viewpoint: Guantánamo Bay is still a thorn in Obama's side

**Erika Hayden**  
Voice Columnist

Since the beginning of the Cold War, the idea of communism has been denounced.

The United States became automatic enemies with any country that had been swept up by communism. Two of these countries were the Soviet Union and Cuba.

Just 95 miles south of Miami, Cuba has been a controversial topic.

After reaching extreme poverty after the collapse of the Soviet Union, many people sought refuge to the

United States by rafting on the open ocean. United States patrol found some rafters and sent them back to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba as refugees.

But Guantánamo Bay has a much darker past. Since 1903 when the Cuban-American treaty was formed, the United States has had full jurisdiction and control over the area.

Especially since the outbreak of communism, the US has used it as a prison, torturing prisoners, and most recently to house terrorists and Al-Qaeda suspects.

Though it's difficult to find much information in US news about what really happened in Guantánamo Bay,

waterboarding, a form of torture was known to be done there and the exchange and experimentation of STI work was done on prisoners.

Many people, including President Barack Obama say atrocities at Guantánamo Bay were a "dark chapter of American history."

In 2007, President Obama said one of his goals would be to close Guantánamo Bay.

He said on Tuesday, "I continue to believe that we need to close Guantanamo. I think it is critical for us to understand that Guantanamo is not necessary to keep us safe."

"It is expensive, it is inef-

ficient, it hurts us in terms of our international standing, it lessens cooperation with our allies on counterterrorism efforts, it is a recruitment tool for extremists. It needs to be closed."

The issue of Guantánamo Bay is resurfacing because in the beginning of April, a raid on the prison led to a hunger strike which is reaching almost 200 individuals in the cells.

Obama had this to say, "I don't want these individuals to die. Obviously the Pentagon is trying to manage the situation as best as they can. But I think all of us should reflect on why exactly are we doing this?"

We must realize the ignorance of the "Red Scare" of communism.

We must also acknowledge that the way one repairs capitalism is through social reform.

The communist movement was a way to reach worker equality and that is something we should all still work toward.

We must not use the "threat of communism" as a reason to torture and detain people for their political principle.

It is not right of our country to assume the role and base in another country and call it our own to detain the people of that country in it.

## "You say goodbye, I say hello"

**Brittany Moniz**  
Head Copy Editor

Another year is coming to an end, and it's time to say goodbye.

Before saying goodbye, I think it makes sense for me to say hello.

I am excited to introduce myself as a member of The Voice editorial staff for the upcoming year.

I look forward to working as the Head Copy Editor and helping with the paper each week.

I have served on the Student Government Association as a Senator for three years and have come to appreciate the many students who courageously stand up to express their concerns.

I have always admired the Voice staff for keeping the campus updated on current events and sharing students' perspectives, no matter how much criticism they

may face.

As I enter my last year here at Westfield State, I am looking forward to my work here at The Voice in addition to being a Student Ambassador and President of the Class of 2014.

If you were able to attend the Mr. Westfield show, you will know the Class of 2014 is now able to grant a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation thanks to the overwhelming support we've received from our Mr. Westfield fans and contestants.

We've raised over \$8,000 total for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We are very proud of this.

I could not be more proud of the contestants, the 2014 Council, and everyone who helped make the show a success.

What a great way to end the semester.

On that note, I wish you all farewell.

Whether you are leaving Westfield for the summer or forever, I hope you will remember all the people who have made your time here memorable.

No matter where life may take you, just know that it's not about where you are, but who you are with.

**The editorial staff of the  
The Westfield Voice  
wish to congratulate the  
graduating class of 2013. We  
wish you luck in all of your  
future endeavors!**

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*thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.*



# From the Editors' Desk

## *Samantha Fahey and Alex Myers, Editors-in-Chief*

### **Samantha Fahey**

I know the time has come. I know we'll be leaving soon. I know we already had our last edition, but we all had more to say. I know we all have more to say about our time at Westfield and the Westfield Voice than will fit in the small confines of this paper.

I believe that the newspaper has been our greatest accomplishment in our four years at Westfield State. I believe that it has helped me to grow as a student, as a journalist, and as a person. I believe that without everyone's help, I wouldn't be where I am today. I believe this school is an amazing place, as are all the people in it.

I know Joshua Clark will do a great job as our successor. I know it's time to walk into the Voice office and see everything changed around. I know I'll be back someday, and it will all be different once again.

I hope we'll be missed. I hope we left behind something amazing. I hope we touched people with what we put out every week. I hope we gave people the chance to contribute to something that they could be proud of. I hope we made the campus proud of our paper, though it would have been nothing without everyone who read and contributed. I hope we are remembered, as we will always remember all of you.

I wish we could stay. I wish we could continue putting out the Westfield Voice until we are wrinkled and elderly. I wish we didn't have to leave what has easily become our home over the past four years.

I want to thank everyone who made our time at the newspaper possible, which includes all of the Communication professors, all of our readers, and all of the contributors, of course. I want, though, to thank some people individually.

I would like to thank Professor Brewster. I would like him to know that I had an amazing time in Paris, and that it wouldn't have been a fun without him, Kristie and Will. I would like him to know that I appreciated his weekly visits. I would like him to know that he has made a significant impact on my

life. I would like very much to keep in touch with him - and Will, too.

I would like to thank Professor Layng. I would like him to know that his quiet and friendly demeanor always forced away any negative feelings and replaced them with a sense of calm happiness. I would like him to know that he is an amazing professor. I would like him to know that I will never forget how knowledgeable he is, and how much he helped us over the past three years. I would very much like to keep in touch with him as well.

I would like to thank another amazing professor, Professor Wefing. I would like him to know that I look up to him and all of the amazing things he has accomplished in his life. I would like him to know that his News Editing class was the highlight of all my classes at Westfield State. I would like him to know that he is an inspirational man, and to ask that we keep in touch.

I would like to acknowledge Professor Paulmann, for he, too, is an inspiring man. I would like him to know that without his kind words and friendly gestures, I would have crumbled under the weekly pressure during the time when I was sole Editor-in-Chief. I would like him to know that he touched my life greatly, and I will never forget his selfless way - something that I could only wish to emulate.

I would like to thank Professor Gardner for being like a father to all of us during the weeks we spent across the globe in Vietnam. I would like him to know that he taught me more about the world than I ever imagined, and how inspirational his past is. I know that I don't need to ask him to keep in touch. I know



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### **Alex Myers**

The saying goes, "When one door closes, another opens." And while I believe in the sentiment this phrase suggests, it's hard to close the door on this chapter of my life.

But, I must. And I can't think of a better way to express all my thanks and all my good-byes than writing it in a final piece for the newspaper.

So let me take a few steps back for a second, as I reflect on my four years at Westfield State University.

In October of 2008, I drove up to then Westfield State College, took my tour, and fell in love with the campus, the people, and the atmosphere. As I ate with my mom at Friendly's I said, "I feel at home here. This is the place. This is it."

Little did I know then just how much I would consider this place my home four years from that moment.

I have many people to thank for my successes and for my memories, people that I will never forget and memories that I will have for a lifetime.

But first, I need to reiterate what an absolute joy and honor it was to serve as Editor-in-Chief of the Westfield Voice for three years.

Journalism is the thing in my life I am most passionate about and having been able to express my love for it each and every week in the form of a newspaper that Samantha and I worked hard on week after week is more incredible than words could ever say.

So before I thank people individually, I want to thank all of you - the readers of and writers for The Westfield Voice - so much. Without your support all these years, our paper would cease to be what it is. And I am confident that for the next two years Joshua Clark will continue on



this path. Good luck, Josh! And thanks for taking on this responsibility.

Being part of the newspaper was by and large my greatest accomplishment and the piece of my college career I will miss the most. I am so proud to have served my school in this way. But I am also proud that I did the one thing I always wanted to do.

However, I did not get to this point all by myself. In fact, I don't think I could have done it on my own.

First, to all of the professors in the Communication Department. Your willingness to help each and every one of your students succeed has helped mold me into the journalist I always knew I could be.

Though you all come from different backgrounds and walks of life, you've come together in one department to make sure your students leave Westfield State with confidence, charisma, enthusiasm, and most importantly, with the skills they need to make it in the real world. I am confident that after studying under each of you, I will make it. And I can't thank you enough.

While it's hard to pinpoint just a few specific people, I do find the need to individually thank some who have made a real impact on my time here.

The first is Professor Gardner. Yes, you intimidated me when I first met you. But, now that I actually know you, I'm so happy that I've had you as my advisor all four years. Thank you for being a friendly face when you came to visit me in D.C., thanks for the goldfish and donuts you gave us at the newspaper, and thank you for the never-ending support you gave me as a student.

Next, Maddy Cahill. Your constant support and guidance for all of us at the paper has made a huge impact. Thanks for the messages you would leave us in the Voice office - it was nice to know we have a cheerleader out there and someone that is always happy for us, whatever it is we're doing.

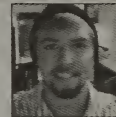
Third, is Professor Wefing. I know we may disagree politically, but that

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# THE DONOGHUE REPORT

By: Rob Donoghue Managing Editor

## "The Farewell Edition"



*"There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning."* -Louis L'Amour

Well I guess this is really it. The end of one chapter, and the beginning of another.

My four years at Westfield State University and The Westfield Voice have come to an end. It's bittersweet. Sad and sentimental. Gratifying and exciting. I've been thinking all week about what I wanted to say in this final column, and how I could make it the perfect farewell composition.

But I'm not sure if writing can ever be perfect, and I know it's impossible to put four years' worth of thoughts, emotions, memories and acknowledgments into a thousand words (the first draft of this column was over 2,300 words). I spent last week's column talking generally about my four years at Westfield State, and I'd like to spend this week reflecting on my four years with The Westfield Voice.

I still remember nervously walking up the stairs to the old second floor office of The Voice with Samantha Fahey for a general interest meeting of the newspaper during our first week on campus.

I wrote two sports articles per week during my first year at Westfield, one about WSU varsity athletics and a second about professional sports.

Under the guidance of former Voice Editor-in-Chief Matt Castonguay, I developed my own weekly sports column at the end of my first year and officially took on the role as Sports Editor.

When Matt wrote his final column for The Voice three years ago (it's scary to think three years have gone by so fast) he stated that during his time with the newspaper he wrote 150 articles and columns.

I always hoped to exceed that total during my four years, but after looking back through the archives last week I discovered that I authored a grand total of 135 articles and columns for

The Westfield Voice. Not quite on Matt Castonguay's level, but not too shabby either. I certainly wish I had more time to cover additional campus news stories over the past year, but unfortunately there isn't enough time to shed light on all the stories worthy of coverage.

I became the Managing Editor of the newspaper during my junior year and covered an array of campus stories from parking decal prices to the proposed smoking ban. I wrote my last ever sports column that winter and embarked on a two-year writing journey known as *The Donoghue Report*, where I covered domestic politics, social issues, foreign affairs and an array of topics in between.

I filled in last spring as Co-Editor-in-Chief and was fully involved with every aspect of the newspaper. It was a challenging, exciting and rewarding semester at the big desk where I learned a lot about myself, and I'm thankful that I had the opportunity to experience that position.

Developing and implementing the official website for The Voice is something I wanted to accomplish since my first year on the newspaper staff. We were finally able to complete the process last spring and launch the website last fall, and it's something I'll always be proud of.

Okay, enough about me. Time for the thank you and goodbye part of the program.

Throughout my four years at the newspaper I've been lucky to meet and work with so many passionate and intelligent individuals.

I want to thank the Student Government Association, SGA Advisor Barbara Hand, and the numerous staff and faculty members that helped us through the process of establishing the website, and continually supported us on a weekly basis over the past four years.

Thank you to Professors George Layng and Glen Brewster, our faculty advisors at

The Westfield Voice. The two of you have given our staff invaluable guidance, support, feedback and constructive criticism over the last few years.

But you've also given us independence and respect, and I speak for the entire staff when I say that student editors couldn't ask for better advisors to work with. I'll miss seeing the two of you in the office each week, but I know we'll stay in touch.

Thank you to Professors Maddy Cahill, Tom Gardner and John Paulmann, whose constant encouragement, kindness and support toward me and the entire Voice staff has meant more than you will ever know.

From our weekly emails and voicemails on the latest edition of the newspaper, to thoughtful words on one of my recent columns while walking past me in the hallway, to impromptu visits to the office with a pizza or a bag of apple cider doughnuts, your support over the last four years has been inspiring.

I'll forever be glad that I got to know Lyndon Seitz and Lewis Pacheco during my sophomore year at Westfield. The A&E section of this newspaper wouldn't get done each week if it wasn't for your hard work, and the hours spent editing articles in the office wouldn't have been so enjoyable either.

I'm also glad that Joey Cooper stepped into my vacated role as Sports Editor last year, and it's been a pleasure to watch your writing and editing skills develop on a weekly basis over the last two years. With your passion and knowledge for sports combined with your easy to read writing style, I have no doubt that there are more great things to come from you in the future.

I couldn't be happier that Josh Clark will be taking over as Editor-in-Chief of The Westfield Voice, and I'm glad to call you my friend. Our staff has worked hard over the past three years to improve the quality and consistency of the newspaper, and I'm

excited to see Josh lead The Voice into the future.

Okay, it's finally time to say farewell to my fellow seniors.

**Brady and Matt:** First off, goodbye and thank you to Brady Kerr and Matt Futterlieb. Your reliable contributions to The Voice on a weekly basis over the past few years have had a major impact on the quality of the newspaper.

**Tyler:** I still remember when Tyler Morisette first walked into our Westfield Voice interest meeting during the beginning of our sophomore year. I couldn't be happier that you decided to join the newspaper and develop into our top contributor, covering multiple stories each week from Westfield athletics to reality television.

Tyler's colorful commentary and lighthearted spirit always brought excitement to the pages of the newspaper and our Voice staff meetings in Ely 305, and my experience with the newspaper would not have been as enjoyable if it wasn't for Tyler. So thanks for being such a great reporter and friend over the last three years.

**Kylie:** Kylie Coffey is the unheralded star of The Westfield Voice, and no title next to her name could properly describe the work she's done for the newspaper each week and the impact she's made over the past four years.

From being the first line of defense against style, grammar, spelling, and factual errors, to covering the campus stories that no one else wanted any part in, this newspaper would not have grown to what it is today if it wasn't for Kylie's positive attitude and dedication. I feel lucky that I've gotten to know you over the past three years, and I know we'll have a Voice reunion in Everett sometime in the near future.

**Alex and Samantha:** The Westfield Voice has grown into the newspaper that it is today because of the hard work, dedication, and countless hours spent

in Ely 305 by Alex Myers and Samantha Fahey. The changes the two of you have made to The Voice to improve its quality over the last three years as Co-Editors-in-Chief are immeasurable, and the tireless effort you've put in to make this newspaper something that the entire campus community can be proud of has been amazing to watch.

Alex, because of your commitment to your craft, I know that you have a bright future in journalism ahead of you, and I'll be excited to see where your career takes you. Your passion for writing and fearless attitude for finding the truth will undoubtedly take you far.

Samantha has served as Co-Editor-in-Chief for the past six semesters, and I'm willing to bet anything that no previous Voice editor has spent as many hours as she has in the newspaper office, working on the newspaper for no pay or credit, but because she loves what she does for the Westfield community.

If you haven't figured it out yet, Samantha and I are dating. I doubt that comes as a surprise to anyone, but you may not know that we've been together for almost six years.

I can't even begin to describe the impact that Samantha's had on my life in only a few sentences, but I just want to thank you for keeping me sane and grounded, encouraging and inspiring me every day, and providing me with more smiles and laughter over the last four years than I knew was possible. I'm lucky because I know that no matter where life takes me, I'll always have my best friend by my side. I love you Samantha Rose.

Well that's it. There's more I'd like to say, but the end has officially arrived. It's been an honor and pleasure to serve on The Westfield Voice staff for the past four years. While it's sad to say goodbye to my family at The Voice, I know we'll see each other again. And really, this only just the beginning.



# To the loves of my nights and the loves of my life: A farewell to Westfield

**Kylie Coffey**  
News Editor

This is it. This is the last time I will ever write for the Westfield Voice. No more front page articles, no more "Coffey Breaks", and no more thinking people should know my name just because I wear the title of "News Editor" on my sleeve. From now on, I'll just be another face in the crowd.

It takes me back to the morning of Freshman Orientation when I was just a new face. That morning, I had an anxiety attack. I was so nervous.

I was coming from a city where everyone knew my family, and everyone knew my business.

I was Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper, I was a cheerleader, and I wasn't sure I wanted to leave my old life yet.

I was the only one from Everett coming to Westfield. Unwillingly too, at first. I never ever heard of the school. But, when the "Thanks but no thanks" letter came from Emerson and the "Dear Kylie, You Suck" letter came from UConn amongst the others, I packed my bags and headed to a place I didn't know actually existed: Western Mass.

Looking back, there is no other place I would want to call home for the last four years other than Westfield State. I have learned so many life lessons (both in and out of the classroom), made so many mistakes, but earned even more achievements. I made a name for myself here, but I couldn't have done it, or survived, without the people I am about to mention.

First and foremost, I want to thank my family. My mother, for showing me what it takes to be a strong, independent woman. My dad, for battling that Boston traffic just to come and get me when I needed him to. I feel it was a real bonding ex-

perience. My sisters, Faith and Chloe, who have shown me that there are more important things in life than myself. And my grandparents, who are my biggest support systems.

I want to thank my professors in the Communication Department. Every single one of you has taught me valuable lessons, not only from your knowledge of the field of Communications, but also from your life experiences. I will carry these lessons with me throughout my career and my life, and for that I thank you.

I especially want to thank three professors who have helped me in three different ways.

To Professor John Paulmann, who I like to call the Albus Dumbledore of the Communications Department, thank you for your wisdom and your power to believe in me. You truly made me feel like a star.

To Professor Henry Wefing, thank you for furthering my passion for journalism and recognizing my potential.

And to Professor Diane Prusank, thank you for teaching me that not everything will come easy in life. You made me realize I have to work for my achievements.

To my fellow Voice staff, we achieved so much more than delivering the news to the Westfield State campus. We are a team. I will never forget the friendships I made in the small office of Ely 305.

To my seniors, Samantha, Alex, Rob, and yes, even you T-Mo, you have taught me so much.

Tyler, even though I spent many nights screaming at your grammatical errors, my first Mondays of the month would not be the same without your lack of an indoor voice. I hate to admit it, but I'll miss it.

Alex, you have taught me that it is okay to venture out in the world, because when you come back, home will still be

there.

Rob, you have taught me that if you are passionate about something that you should stick with it. All the hard work will pay off.

Samantha, if anyone, you have probably taught me the most. By example, you taught me to improve my writing. Through your relationship with Rob, you taught me that true love exists, and you taught me that you don't need to see each other every day to be a true friend.

Finally, this last section is dedicated to all the people who have affected my life and shaped my four years of college.

If you are taking the time to read this, there's a chance you have affected my life in some way and I want to thank you.

College isn't measured in the number of credits you graduate with, and while it is important, college at Westfield State is measured by so much more.

It's measured in the amount of money personally donated to Tommy D's, Molts, Taco Bell, and other fine establishments. It's measured in the number of all-nighters (the academic and the not-so-much), the number of pounds you gained from too many Busch Lights, the number of DC swipes you used in a week, the number of times an ISO knocked on your door, and the number of friends you can call family.

So this column is to you all, the loves of my nights and the loves of my life: my Westfield Family.

It's sad that you spend every day of your life with a group of people and then, just like that, they are ripped from you. Yeah, you will keep in contact, make plans for the future and maybe you will follow through with them. It's just a fact that after college, life happens.

Careers, weddings, and starting a family will encompass your time. You aren't in



*photo by Kylie Coffey*

direct vicinity of your closest friends anymore. It's up to you to keep your friendships alive.

I will never forget the memories that I have had with you all, from the late nights that turned into early mornings to one of the best weeks of my life in South Carolina.

You have all seen me at both my best and my worst, and never failed to remind me.

You have humbled me and brought me down to earth, given me reality checks that I know I've needed.

So for my girls, the ones I've relied on when I need to complain about that one boy and the ones that have gone to bat for me so many times when I get dramatic and crazy, thank you.

You are the ones who have held my hair back when I was sick, talked me out of doing something stupid, and forgiven me for my mistakes.

I have never really gotten along with many girls, but I'm glad I found the right ones.

My boys, the brothers I never wanted but I'm glad I have, thank you for showing me what it was like to have brothers, something I was never blessed with.

I feel like I got the full experience of it from the teasing and the jokes to the shoulders

to cry on and having my back when I needed it most.

And to the other boys, the ones who have come and gone from my life but who will be ever imprinted in my heart, just a simple thank you.

I might have cursed your names out plenty of times, but in the long run, you have taught me to never settle.

I may never be a famous writer with a best-selling novel and a guest column in The New York Times. I may never be the next real life Carrie Bradshaw. But my experiences at Westfield State University have proven to me that I could do anything I set my mind to.

Through the triumphs, the tribulations, and the challenges I've faced here, I'm leaving with a Bachelor's Degree, lifetime friends, and more writing material than I ever imagined I would.

So instead of ending with that Tom Petty quote that every college graduate should know, I will leave you, my fellow Owls, with a quote from a show that is near and dear to my heart.

"People come into your life and people go, but it's comforting to know that the ones you love will always be in your heart." - Carrie Bradshaw, Sex and the City.

# Competency and Conser--Brady Kerr's last column?!

**Brady Kerr**  
Voice Columnist

There is good news and there is bad news. The good news is for those of you that use my column to line the bottom of your bird cage, this is the last time I will be published in the 'Voice.' You may take solace that my rants regarding poll numbers are finished. The bad news is for my fan club. We will no longer meet on a regular basis. Of course I will make sure to get everyone together for a final trip to Starbucks. RSVP's have been sent. Mr. Clark, do you accept? If so then I guess that's all of us.

All joking aside, writing in this paper has been quite an honor. I wholeheartedly appreciate

the opportunity I was given to express my views on a weekly basis. I cannot adequately thank the editorial staff for putting their confidence in my ability. Writing "Competency and Conservatism" forcefully directed me to take responsibility for my political views.

It challenged me to honestly advocate for my beliefs in effective government. Too many times in politics we slant policy in an inaccurate direction, mostly to benefit our interest in winning the debate.

It is a shameful tactic promulgated by the Beltway elite. It harms our belief in liberty, but most importantly, it harms our citizenry. I have tried my hardest to live up to the challenge. For the most part, I think my readers would agree.

However, I have one article which I sincerely regret writing. Last year I wrote my column supporting the death penalty. My argument was flawed and the logic unsound. It was easy to obfuscate the issue and I certainly participated in the very tactics I loathe. I tell you this because it has weighed heavily on my conscious. However, I would like to move on to four special individuals.

To our editors, Samantha and Alex. Your dedication to publishing this paper is phenomenal. I lump them together in praise not because I lack journalistic creativity, but because their tag team effort has positively affected the morale of this paper. The readers will surely miss their presence on the staff. Their hard-hitting

cover story about the Joseph Shinn scandal was top notch. It brought the reader inside the courtroom, while remaining accurate and fair to all involved. Someday I expect to pick up a copy of The New York Times and see a story written by Samantha and Alex. I wish both of you the best of luck after graduation and hopefully we'll meet again!

Next I should talk about a guy who is the epitome of class. Mr. Donoghue and his weekly column, "The Donoghue Report: Ramblings From A Non-Interventionist" add gravitas to this paper. I have sometimes marveled at how Rob can manage to fill an entire page and still sound coherent. For those of you that have counted, I stick to no more than eight hundred

words because it is where I begin to lose focus. However, Rob writes about serious issues, while keeping it interesting to the reader.

I'm definitely going to miss reading his take on the world every week. During the 2012 Presidential Election, Rob provided first-rate commentary on the race without ever adopting the "horse race" mentality of the mainstream media. I had the pleasure of playing golf with Rob the other day and I hope that there is another opportunity in the future.

Although he probably won't need it, I wish Mr. Donoghue the best of luck after graduation!

The last individual is someone that is not graduating this  
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## Senior reflects on his three years as a "Voice Reporter"

**Tyler Morissette**  
Voice Reporter

Change is inevitable, though we all try to keep things the same; we have to accept that things change in order to grow.

It something that I have never been good with, 'it' being change, and thinking about it now knowing that in a few weeks, I am done with college is a weird feeling.

It is weird because you are in the same routine for 16 years, of going to school, and doing homework and now it is all over. You are now entering the real world, and sadly it is not the "Real World" on MTV (though one can dream).

For the past three years, I have had the amazing opportunity to work with some amazing people and write for the Westfield Voice.

The friendships that I have made are ones that will last for a long time.

I remember going to my first Voice meeting sophomore year and meeting Rob, Kylie,

Sam, and Alex and just really being amazed at what they do. Their dedication to making this paper the best was always there every single day, whether that is making phone calls, formatting the paper or editing the many articles.

In a way, I kind of felt weird being a part of this group, as I was no communication major with dreams of being a journalist. No, rather, I was just some guy who loved to rant about sports, and talk about crappy reality television programs.

Moreover, that really is why I wrote every single week and took pride in the paper - not because of myself, but rather for those four people. Because I wanted people to see the great work they put into this paper.

Confession time: during my sophomore year and junior year, I woke up early on Friday, and took a bunch of issues of The Westfield Voice and put them under people's doors, trying to make sure that everyone read the paper.

I wanted students and every person on this campus to realize

the great work that the staff did. Every time I picked up a newspaper, and read it I was so proud to be a part of such an amazing team, that cared for everyone and never had a "me first" attitude.

I like to say some words to some of the great people on this staff and to others who helped during this wonderful ride.

To Alex, an amazing co-editor, who always worked so tirelessly to make this paper great. Not only are you an amazing writer, but you are also a great person - someone who always is able to look at the brighter side of things, when things may not be going well.

To Sam, another great co-editor who along with Alex were my fearless leaders, who guided me always in the right direction, and always allowed me to write about stupid television shows, while she and Alex wrote actual news stories. I will miss you always shaking your head when I came into the Voice office and kept talking while you were trying to do work. You are a positive person who thinks of others

before yourself and someone who I am glad to have met.

Kylie, what can I say that I already have not said? Your energy and attitude always bring a smile to my face. You are not just someone who I have worked with, you are a true friend. Someone who I can talk about "The Bachelor" or anything else. I will miss your Boston accent and trips out to Tommy D's. You also always made me look good, as you were the ones that edited my articles. Thanks.

Rob, my first sports editor, I have made fun of your "man crush" on Jake Locker and have debated in the Voice office countless times about Syracuse football and how bad the Bills are.

You always allowed me to write any sports article that I felt was necessary, and allowed me to rant about sports. Your friendship is one that I cherish, and I will miss always being right in our draft debates, though I will never live down thinking Jordan Todman was going to be a good pro. Best of luck.

Joey Cooper, my favorite

Ohio sports fan. We have debated countless topics, and while you have been right about a few, I still want to point out that I did predict RGIII would win the Heisman. You always took my ribbing of the Browns, Ohio State in stride and always were able to throw back at me that UCONN basketball could not make the tournament this year.

Joey you have a great future ahead of you, one that I hope is filled with successes. In addition, good looks on being the low scorer on the golf team in the MASCAC championships.

So this is it - no more Westfield sports articles for me. No more going to the booth, listening to Mickey Curtis, and having him allow me access to the coaches. No more ranting about TV shows.

Best of luck to everyone of the Class of 2013, and to everyone who may come after.

May the Westfield Voice continue to prosper in the future. What an amazing run; now if you can excuse me, my dorm room is getting a little dusty and I am tearing up.



# REFLECTIONS

## By Matthew Futterleib

### Adele – Born May 5, 1988

Adele Laurie Blue Adkins was raised in North London, England by her mother Penny, who was merely eighteen years-old when giving birth to Adele. Her father, Mark, left his family after Adele turned four and slowly became estranged to his daughter, who developed a better attachment with her artsy mother. Adele was always captivated by music, first inspired by popular female acts of her childhood like Lauryn Hill and Mary J. Blige before discovering the classics at age fifteen. Legendary jazz and soul singers like Etta James and Ella Fitzgerald influenced Adele to begin composing and singing. She attended the BRIT School for Performing Arts & Technology instead of high school, cutting a three-track demo for class in 2006 that would catch the ear of music executives at XL Recordings, who signed Adele four months after graduation. Her first album, 19, was a commercial success powered by the single “Chasing Pavements”. Her appearance on an October 2008 episode of Saturday Night Live catapulted the album from number 40 to number 1 on iTunes, and the young star would receive the Best New Artist Grammy award at the 2009 ceremony. The release of 21 in early 2011 exceeded critical expectations of a “sophomore slump,” selling 352,000 copies within its first week and achieving three top-five singles to its credit.

*facts from biography.com*

### Thatcher elected as PM – May 4, 1979

As the Western world's first ever female Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher broke a gender barrier in democratic politics. The Conservative Party of Great Britain's candidates won the majority vote of the electorate in 1979, foreshadowing a decade-plus premiership by Thatcher that led to income tax cuts, reduced public expenditures and diminished union power. Under the leadership of Thatcher, privatization of nationalized industries grew in accordance with her best ally across the Atlantic, U.S. President Ronald Reagan. “The Iron Lady,” as once deemed by a Soviet newspaper, led Great Britain with unwavering leadership, making her one of the most popular politicians of her time. During the Falklands War of 1982, Thatcher won the respect of her people after successfully handling an attempted invasion of British islands in South America. By taking charge of the war strategy and helming an uplifting economic recovery effort, Thatcher won a second term in 1983. Her meetings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev softened relations between the democratic and socialist countries and were partially responsible for the eventual dissolution of the Soviet Union. She would resign in 1990 amidst disputes within her own party, but her legacy as a stringent leader defied misconceptions about the behavior of female leaders. Thatcher passed away April 8th at age 87 after suffering a stroke.

*facts from bbc.co.uk*

### Napoleon Bonaparte – Died May 5, 1821

With distinction as the first emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte's ambitious and ruthless rule as a military-focused leader greatly expanded French influence in the early 1800s. Napoleon attended France's military academies at Brienne and Paris for several years, earning promotion to second lieutenant of artillery by graduation. Napoleon rose in ranks during a tumultuous time for France in the late 18th century, when 40,000 citizens were killed in a “reign of terror”. His efforts to quell the murders and restore peace to France earned Napoleon the title of commander of the Army of the Interior. After leading France through violent territorial disputes with Austria and Great Britain, he returned to the country in 1799 to co-lead a new government called The Consulate. France adopted a new constitution under Napoleon's lead in 1800, and his popularity grew immensely. By 1804, he was elected to emperor of France. Over five years of military success led to expansion of French rule into Central Europe, but a crushing defeat in Russia led to Napoleon's downfall. He was exiled to Elba in 1814 before escaping back to France and retaining brief leadership before another military loss at Waterloo at the mercy of the British. He was then exiled for life to the island of St. Helena by the British government.

*facts from biography.com*

## Opinion: Voice Reporter breaks down 2013 NFL Draft

### Tyler Morissette Voice Reporter

Okay Joey, you were right I was wrong – there was a quarterback taken in the first round. There was only one quarterback taken in that round, along with only three quarterbacks taken in the first two days of the draft.

This was highlighted by EJ Manuel going to the Bills at 16, a pick that fellow Voice member Rob Donoghue was shocked to hear. The drafting of Manuel was a huge head scratcher, despite the Bills need for a quarterback, because the last couple of weeks we kept hearing about Ryan Nassib who played under current head coach Doug Marrone.

But if you needed a quarterback at that slot, one would

think the Bills would have selected Geno Smith, who is a far better quarterback and someone who can actually make a difference. The Bills had the worst draft because simply there were better players at the spots they picked. They most likely will fight with fellow bottom feeders the New York Jets for the worst record in the AFC East.

The Jets drafted the best corner in the draft in Dee Millner, but failed to hit on their major need, which is an offensive weapon.

The Jets offense was awful last year as their whole quarterback situation was and still is a mess. Their offensive line is poor and they have no talent at the wide receiver or running back positions.

A couple of other teams that had poor drafts were the

Patriots and the Browns. Seriously, when did Rutgers become the farm team for the Patriots? Three players were drafted from the New Jersey school. I think the Patriots could have gotten better value at the wide receiver position had they stayed in the first and third round where there were far better safeties than Duron Harmon.

Don't expect any of the Pats draft picks to be starters this year, but rather the big move New England made was trading for former Bucs running back LeGarrette Blount. The power running back will be a good change of pace for the Pats this season.

The other team that made some confusing picks was the Cleveland Browns. You have the sixth pick in the draft and don't have a second rounder, and you

don't pick up a corner back? Dee Millner is sitting there and you pass on him, denying what could have been a formidable one-two punch of young corners in Millner and Joe Haden.

Some teams that had good drafts were the Rams, Packers and Bengals. Each team with their first two picks selected players who will make an impact this year.

The Rams traded up to snag speedy Tavon Austin, who will be a great playmaker for Sam Bradford, and later in the first round picked up linebacker Alec Ogletree, who will be perfect next to James Laurinaitis.

The Packers got a good defensive end in Datone Jones, and were also able to pick up two quality running backs in Eddie Lacy and Johnathan Franklin. These two good backs should

will break the 43 game streak of not having a 100-yard rusher for Green Bay.

Finally, the Bengals got very lucky in acquiring the draft's best tight end in Tyler Eifert, who along with Jermaine Greshman and A.J. Green will form a solid offense for Andy Dalton to play with. Plus, in the second round, they got Giovani Bernard, a great pass catching running back who is explosive coming out of the backfield.

There is nothing better than the draft, and with the draft now over we are ever so close to the beginning of the 2013 NFL season.

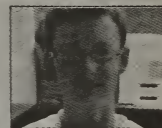
But let me leave you on this last note. I am calling it now, next year the first pick of the NFL draft will be Jadeveon Clowney, defensive end from South Carolina. Trust me.

# Morning Joe

"A Weekly Look at the World of Sports"

By: Joey Cooper

Sports Editor



For sports enthusiasts, arguments will always rear their ugly head stemming from a pretentious or conceited self-awareness on one's own interpretation of a given sport.

Everybody knows 'that guy' who will throw his hat in the ring, making substandard claims pledging his allegiance to a subject way too complex for him to truly grasp.

At the helm of such behavior is ESPN and their commercialized run through of what matters in the sports universe. The downfall of ESPN can be traced to making strides for a larger viewership or discussing broader topics in an effort to bring a larger population of sports fans to their network.

Perhaps the greatest demise of ESPN has been bringing on all these former athletes who can't let go, with agendas of their own, holding old grudges that are clearly show through their broad analysis. Maybe there is a reason why people like Bill Barnwell, Mel Kiper Jr. and Jayson Stark are

far more articulate when writing or talking on air: it's because they studied their craft.

The commercialism of SportsCenter is shown in the daily coverage of LeBron James' reaction to a tweet regarding a topic outside his sport.

The same network that raises the question regarding Tim Tebow's fame is the very group propelling the legend of Tebow. Such topics are constantly brought up on ESPN First Take featuring Skip Bayless and Stephan A. Smith.

What people don't know is that outspoken Skip Bayless was once an award-winning sports journalist for some upstanding publications like the Miami Herald, Los Angeles Times and The Dallas Morning News, where Bayless excelled in his coverage investigating the Southern Methodist University football program from the mid-1970s through 1986.

Bayless also had a unique and trusted reputation throughout the Dallas Cowboys organiza-

nization during his run of being voted Texas Sportswriter of the Year three times.

So why am I rambling about this Bayless character? The mighty dollar has brought Bayless center stage in Bristol, Connecticut entertaining elementary level sports conversations far beneath what he once stood for.

Shows like First Take have now given the mainstream fan a chance to witness an argument they just had with their buddy. A large part of today's broadcast is a collection of user generated material filled with polls, twitter hashtags and segments dedicated to nonsense, like Trevor Matich dressing up as Santa Claus.

I miss the old ESPN videos from the 80s and 90s where people like Dan Patrick were pioneers on the network, making it cool to be smart, witty and eccentric.

As I stand in the minority regarding this subject matter, it almost seems as if this is a discussion sports fanatics don't

want to come to terms with.

With all this being said, ESPN still has many good sources of information like their ESPN radio shows with Greenburg, Golic and Cowherd. The Baseball Tonight crew is fantastic, filled with baseball nerds who love numbers, the history of the game and the people in it.

ESPN.com is consistently filled with great reads from writers like Keith Law, Gene Wojciechowski, Tim Kurkjian, Buster Olney and Rick Reilly, along with Bill Simmons' Grantland staff.

Perhaps there isn't such a thing as an intellectually sound broadcast of any news outlet these days. The big stories sell, the critical analysis of stories doesn't.

ESPN had its moment as the front-runner, pioneer and innovator of sports television. But they've become that aging celebrity, with one too many cosmetic surgeries nobody cares about.

Maybe ESPN's agenda

works for them. Maybe it's just me. Maybe I should just keep my mouth shut and continue to defer watching. Or just maybe I am onto something.

I wanted to take an opportunity in my column this week to acknowledge the people that have run this paper ever since I arrived at Westfield. Sam, Alex, Rob, Kylie and Tyler are five individuals whose tireless work has propelled this paper into what it is today.

From what I have seen prior to their arrival to steering the ship in Ely 305, these editors and contributing writers have excelled in not only fulfilling their responsibilities, but going the extra step in leaving the paper in better shape going forward.

Their eagerness to put The Voice online has created a bright future for the student newspaper. I would like to thank them for making it so easy for people like me as a freshman and dozens of other students to be a part and contribute to The Westfield Voice.

## Westfield softball loses in season finale

Joe Meehan  
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State softball team lost both games of a doubleheader against Worcester State on Saturday April 27, 5-3 and 3-2.

With the two losses, Westfield's season came to an end with a disappointing 7-28 (4-10 MASCAC) record. Worcester improved to 21-14 (10-4 MASCAC), which gave them the third-seed and an opening round game against six-seed Framingham State in the MASCAC tournament.

In the first game, Worcester struck early against Westfield junior starter Kelley Fluet, tak-

ing a 1-0 lead after one inning on a Hannah Everson RBI single. The Lancers would add three more runs in the second behind a single and a sacrifice bunt, and another in the third on a Hillary Hart solo home run to take a 5-0 lead.

In the top half of the fourth Westfield was able to cut the lead to three behind an RBI groundout by sophomore Celina Sinico. Sinico drove in another run in the sixth, but that would be all that Westfield could muster off of Everson, who went all seven innings in the win for the Lancers. In game two, sophomore Emily Mailloux took the hill for the Owls.

Mailloux made it through the first inning unscathed, but the

Lancers were able to strike in the second on an Alex Kerr double, which put them ahead 1-0.

Senior Courtney Begin, playing in her final game in a Westfield uniform, helped Westfield take a 3-2 lead with a sacrifice fly in the third and a double that drove in two runs in the fifth. Trailing by one in the home half of the sixth, Katie Roy belted a two-run home run to left center to put the Lancers ahead for good.

Everson pitched two innings in relief to pick up her second win of the day, improving her record to 7-5 on the season. The Owls will return their entire roster except for Begin next season, as they look to get back to their winning ways.

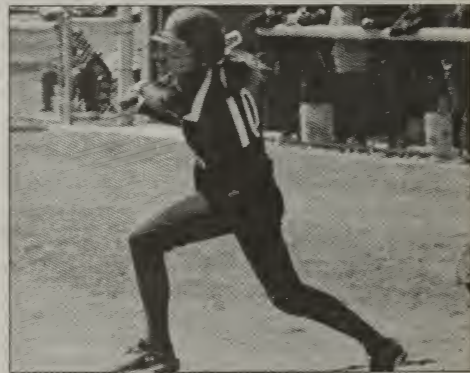


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Senior Courtney Begin was 4 for 6 with two RBIs in her final appearance for Westfield.



## Opinions and Editorials

### FAHEY from page 7

that we will. I know that I am so grateful for everything he has done for me.

I would like to thank Maddy Cahill. I would like her to know that her weekly calls to the Voice office will definitely be missed. I would like her to know that outside of the newspaper, she was the one who kept me on track senior year. I would like her to know that without her, I might not have made it to my senior honors presentation. I would like her to know that I appreciate her, and will miss her constant enthusiasm and encouragement in my life. I would like her to know that she is an amazing person.

I now know that the constant consecutive weeks the staff spent in the Voice office made us into a family.

I love Alex Myers. I love that when we first started at the paper, we didn't know each other at all. I love how quickly that turned into a friendship, and then into one of the closest friendships I've ever had. I love how well we worked together. I love that even though we fought sometimes, we were always able to come out of it as if nothing had happened. I loved pushing our beds together in our room and staying up late into the night, talking about things we couldn't talk about with anyone else. I love that we will be friends forever.

I love Kylie Coffey. I love how, even though we are two different people, we were able to gel together so nicely. I love how I always felt that she had my back, and hope that she felt the same way. I love the long, silly talks we had. I love the first experiences she gave me. I love the amazing person that she is. I love that I had the opportunity to grow so close to her in such a short amount of time, and to create something that will never go away.

I love everyone who contributed to the newspaper week after week. I love Tyler Morissette for his television knowledge that he loved to share through his funny articles. I love Matt Futterleib,

his willingness to contribute a column, and his flawless writing week after week. I love Brady Kerr for his passion and devotion to the newspaper in the form of one column that ran for an unprecedented three years.

I love Rob Donoghue. I love that six years ago, I never imagined we would be where we are today. I love that he has always been there for me, helping me, guiding me. I know that I would not be here today if it weren't for him. I love that he is my best friend, my other half, my better half. I love him with all my heart.

I know that I will miss the Westfield Voice more and more as each day passes. I know that it will feel like a hole in my heart. I know, though, that by keeping in touch with all of these people that made me into the person I am today, that hole will be a little bit smaller. I know that maybe it won't hurt as much.

I know the time has come. I know we'll be leaving soon. I know I don't want to believe either of those things. I doesn't change the fact that I have the utmost respect for you and I wish I had more time to learn from you. Having you as my professor every day this se-

### MYERS from page 7

mester was a great way to end my four years. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with me; it's something I will take wherever I go in life.

And last but not least, Professor Paulmann. It's so rare in the newspaper business to receive positive feedback, but you are always the first to give it. Thank you for your constant kindness and your inspirational words of wisdom. It's refreshing to know that someone so genuine and so generous is out there. And I'm so proud to know you.

So to all of you: I truly will miss seeing you every day. And thank you, thank you, thank you!

The next two people on my list to thank are the amazing Voice advisors: Professor Brewster and Professor Layng.

Thank you Professor Layng

for always being there for us, even when we would call you late into the night with questions. You have been nothing but wonderful to us. Thank you so much for everything!

And Professor Brewster. The greatest time in Paris was when Samantha, you, Kristie, Will, and I went to Sacre Coeur breaking the rules and escaping the days work. I feel like all of us got closer as a result and I'm thrilled to have spent that time getting to know you and your family. But more than that, it's been great having you in our corner all these years. So thank you for the constant support and for the memories we'll take with us!

Finally, I want to thank Kate Shea. Being a tour guide has helped shape me into a personable, confident person and I have you to thank for that. Your belief in me that I could do it and hiring me for the job gave me the opportunity to discover that about myself. Thanks for everything!

And now for the most difficult part of this whole thing: Saying goodbye to the greatest people I've come to know – my best friends.

I don't want to leave anyone out so thank you to all the seniors who have participated with the paper. And the ones who I've come to know really well – Tyler Morissette, Brady Kerr, Matt Futterleib, thank you for the random visits to the office, the laughs, and the memories!

Finally, to my senior editing staff.

Kylie: I remember the first class we had together. We barely knew each other, but we would sit together in Maddy's class. I actually remember you telling me where the Voice office was! Can't believe it's four years later and we have still sat next to each other every week in the Voice office. Thanks for the crazy stories and constant laughs. You have such a passion for journalism and I can't wait to see your byline in a big newspaper (You know, besides the Voice!). Everett is only 23 minutes away from Peabody. I better see you around!

Rob: I've always known

you were this smart kid who does well in class, but being the designated "Donoghue Report" reader each week I've realized just how incredibly talented you are. Thanks for making me envious of you! No, I'm kidding. But really thanks for taking over for me when I was gone and for bringing your skills to the table every week. Samantha and I may have had the titles of Co-Editors, but you were just as much a part of that! And if I ever need a law-cencyer, I'll know who to call.

And finally, Samantha: They say you always save the best for last. And by best, I mean the person I call my best friend. College is usually the time when you meet people that will stay in your life forever. And I'm so happy to know you are one of those people.

We may have been pushed to work together sophomore year (even though you may have slightly disliked me!) but there's no one else I would have wanted to share the Editor-in-Chief position with. Those long nights in the office when we were just getting to know each other turned into short nights ending with Jillian Michaels work outs, Maroon 5 sing-alongs, and faces filled with tears from laughing so hard. All of my memories from college have you in them.

You will do so incredible in whatever you path you choose to take. You have a huge heart with such a passion for editing that I can't wait to see where life takes you.

This is definitely not a goodbye, since we have some exciting things coming up this summer. But it is a thank you. Thank you for sharing the newspaper with me and for doing an amazing job with it when I was away, for listening to my problems late at night while watching Gilmore Girls and eating ice cream, and for being the best friend I've never had before and always wanted. Out of everyone, I'll miss you the most.

As Vitamin C says, "I keep thinking that it's not goodbye. Keep on thinking it's a time to fly."

Even though May 17 will

signify the real end of this part of my life... it's never really goodbye. It's just "see you later." So, see you later Westfield. And thank you so much.

### KERR from page 11

itor-in-Chief, is someone I will assuredly miss.

Even though I did not get to know him until this year, Josh is one of my closest friends. Mr. Clark works hard and is an example of extraordinary decency.

I admire his dedication to the truth and his willingness to question what most people choose to ignore. I think Senator Clark has a nice ring to it, don't you? I've spent years writing political columns complaining about the mess in Washington.

The spineless behavior of our representatives is the problem. We need people that are guided by their dedication to leaving this world better than they found it.

Josh Clark is driven by his desire to make a difference. He will not be thwarted by ignorance and his principles are inherently pure. Josh, I wish you the best of luck next year. I will obviously miss our trips to Starbucks and our long conversations outside New Hall after Modern Political Thought.

Wherever you end up in life, it better have a seal on the door with an inscription reading the United States of America. I cherish our friendship and I wish you the best of luck as you begin your tenure as the Westfield Voice Editor-in-Chief!

Well folks, that's it. We're at the end of the line and its time to move on. I have enjoyed my time at Westfield State University. Working as an elected official to make this a better community has been truly awesome.

My heart is growing heavy and before I get all teary eyed, it's time to wrap it up. I do not possess the words to express my gratitude for those who have been influential in my life. If you'll permit me, thank you will suffice.



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**Taurus****(April 21 – May 21)**

People might start thinking of you as a biscuit this week: hard and crispy on the outside and yet soft and malleable on the inside once people have had a delicious, delicious bite of you.

**Gemini****(May 22 – June 21)**

You will be so great that perhaps one day your very image will be carved into the sides of mountains with lasers, so that you will be immortal and remembered until the end of time. That is how great you can be.

**Cancer****(June 22 – July 22)**

There was a strong, strong possibility that thing would get better for you this week, and then you performed some small action which changed all of that for you, and things are going to be status quo for now.

**Leo****(July 23 – August 23)**

In just a few days you can be in paradise, you just need to plan an adventure and then acquire the funds to go on it, and while on vacation you have to perform a series of obligatory tasks for the people you went with so then you can have fun for a few hours. Remember, paradise.

**Virgo****(August 24 – September 22)**

You will not wish to divide your focus this week, no matter what you may come across. Even if you see a rainbow made out of incredibly fluffy kittens wearing adorable hats, you cannot be distracted from your goals.

**Libra****(September 23 – October 22)**

Do not be afraid of the strange things in your life, as they will be forever with you in memory. The more standard actions you take will fade, though, no matter how pleasant or horrifying they may be.

*Written by Lyndon Seitz***Scorpio****(October 23 – November 21)**

There is some undefined form of crashing in your future. It could be a server, a car, or your stock portfolio. It could also be such things that belong to your enemies, though, so hope for that instead.

**Sagittarius****(November 22 – December 21)**

Maintain a great deal of mindfulness, as you will want to notice every excruciating detail in your surroundings. You can just never be certain when someone is following you.

**Capricorn****(December 22 – January 20)**

Everything is going to be ok. Next, you must determine whether you are everything. You probably aren't, which means the stars cannot guarantee whether you are going to be ok. Unless, of course, you're everything.

**Aquarius****(January 21 – February 19)**

Today is the first step on your journey towards yesterday if you don't do things right. In fact, you might want to remain static in your life for a while; there isn't much that is productive that you can do.

**Pisces****(Feb. 20 – March 20)**

You will want to send lots of cards and letters out to your loved ones, to remind them of your presence. Remember that if you don't remind them you may be forgotten and then left to be alone for the rest of our life, without a chance at friendship or love.

**Aries****(March 21 – April 20)**

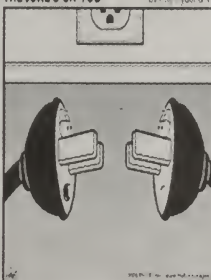
You will be the talk of the town for a while, for reasons you determine yourself. However your reputation suffers or soars will be up to you, although it is advised that you manipulate events in your favor in order to make yourself seem like an all-knowing prophet from the fifth-dimension.

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